



Welcome to the Secondary PGCE RE course 2022-2023 at the University of Exeter. We very much look forward to seeing you in September.

Because the course is intensive, it is important to get started as soon as possible, particularly in terms of filling gaps in your subject knowledge. In order to help you get started with this we will be writing to you in due course with one or two tasks designed specifically with your subject knowledge needs in mind.

You are probably already aware that this is an exciting time for RE. Several influential reports have been published over the last few years, including the final report '*Religion and Worldviews: the way forward. A national plan for RE*' published by the Commission on Religious Education. Click on the link below to download this report:

<https://www.commissiononre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Final-Report-of-the-Commission-on-RE.pdf>.

You might also like to watch this short animation which presents the Commission's vision for Religious Education: <https://youtu.be/-A9szVaN-wo>

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with this report and write up to **one side of A4** in which you identify which recommendation(s) you consider to be the most important and explain why. Be ready to hand in the above written task on day one of the course.

One key text which will prove useful throughout the course and which you may wish to purchase in advance is:

[Barnes, P. \(Ed\) \(2017\). *Learning to Teach Religious Education in the Secondary School: A Companion to School Experience*. 3rd. edition. London and New York: Routledge.](#)

Until then, very best wishes and we look forward to seeing you next term.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Walshe'.

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