

# St Giles' Centre Blog Newsletter

Supporting teaching and learning in Wrexham



**Dear Colleagues,**

Christmas is nearly upon us and with such a late end of term this year, it has seemed at times as if it was never going to come. We thank you once again for your continued hard work and unwavering dedication. In particular, we would like to thank you for your enthusiasm and willingness to engage with us. We know that planning for the Curriculum for Wales has been daunting at times, but despite this many of you have been keen to learn more about how you can provide meaningful and appropriate RVE for your learners, and you are making amazing progress with your RVE provision, so well done!

We have been busy, here at the St Giles' Centre, with a number of projects this term, including the national professional learning resources for RVE. The first batch in the suite is due to be published on Hwb in January, so do keep an eye out for those. In the meantime, if you require any advice or training from us on RE, RVE or collective worship, please get in touch, we'd love to help!

Wishing you a peaceful and warm, winter break. Merry Christmas!

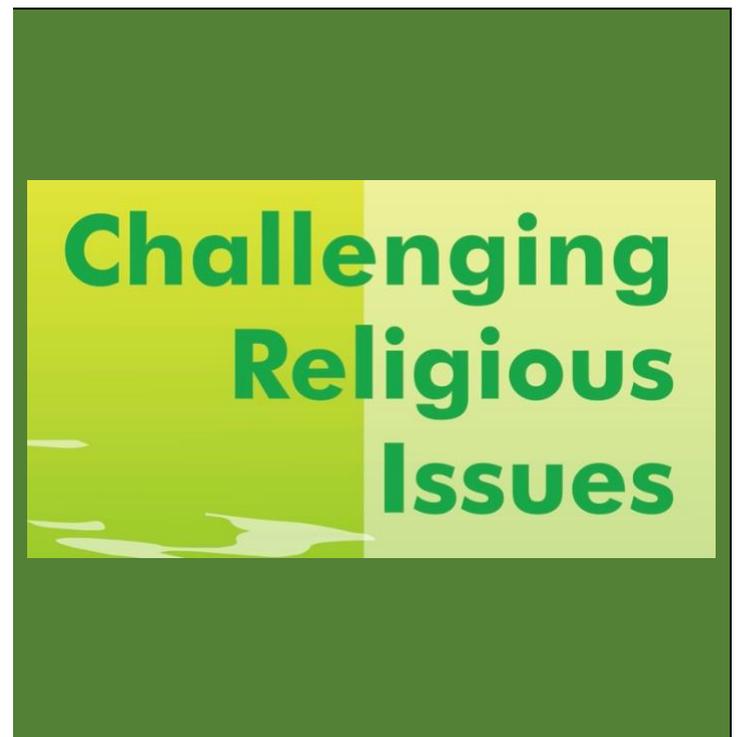
**Libby and Tania**

## COMPLETE A SHORT SURVEY TO SAY WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE IN OUR A-LEVEL JOURNAL

Challenging Religious Issues is a free online journal for AS and A-level teachers and students in Wales and England. We need your help to decide which topics would be most useful to you in the journal. Please would you take a few minutes to complete a very brief survey... *(Blog: 13 December 2022)*

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2022/12/13/complete-a-short-survey-to-say-what-you-want-to-see-in-our-a-level-journal/>



## EXAMPLE MEDIUM TERM PLANNING TEMPLATE FOR RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS (RVE)

Careful medium term planning for RVE is vital to ensure that the approach of the Curriculum for Wales is embedded appropriately across the curriculum. For this reason, the St Giles' Centre has developed an example medium term planning tool. It has been designed to highlight significant planning considerations for RVE which are intended to support schools in having regard to the Curriculum for Wales RVE guidance and locally agreed syllabi... *(Blog: 7 December 2022)*

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2022/12/07/example-medium-term-planning-template-for-religion-values-and-ethics-rve/>

Example Medium Term Planning Template for Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE)			
The Four Purposes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambitious, capable learners</li> <li>Enterprising, creative contributors</li> <li>Ethical, informed citizens</li> <li>Healthy, confident individuals</li> </ul>			
Spiritual development			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness of self in relation to others</li> <li>Connections to the wider and the natural world</li> <li>Creativity and going beyond the everyday</li> <li>Exploration of ultimate questions and contemplation of meaning and purpose</li> </ul>			
Area of Learning and Experience (AoLE)	Year/ Term	RVE Disciplinary lens	RVE Disciplinary focus questions
Humanities		1. Search for meaning and purpose	
<b>Statements of what matters (SWM)</b> 1. Enquiry, exploration and investigation inspire curiosity about the world, its past, present and future. 2. Events and human experiences are complex, and are perceived, interpreted and represented in different ways. 3. Our natural world is diverse and dynamic, influenced by processes and human actions. 4. Human societies are complex and diverse, and shaped by human actions and beliefs. 5. Informed, self-aware citizens engage with the challenges and opportunities that face humanity, and are able to take considered and ethical action.	<b>Area theme/ Big Question</b>	2. The natural world and living things	
		3. Identity and belonging	
		4. Authority and influence	Links to other AoLE
		5. Relationships and responsibility	
		6. Values and ethics	
		7. The journey of life	
			<b>RVE Concepts</b>
<b>Knowledge</b>	<b>Skills</b>	<b>Experiences</b>	

## SCIENCE MEETS RVE IN A NEW CURRICULUM PROJECT FOR WREXHAM PRIMARY SCHOOLS

North Wales Science is a charity with a vision to be 'A home for Inspiring Science in the Heart of the Community'. The charity operates the science discovery centre, Xplore! Wrexham, and delivers interactive activities as outreach across North Wales and North West England. The team at Xplore! are co-creating four workshops in close collaboration with the St Giles' Centre Wrexham, especially for primary schools. Each workshop will bring together teaching and learning in religion, values and ethics (RVE) and science in creative and interactive ways...

*(Blog: 5 December 2022)*

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2022/12/05/science-meets-rve-in-a-new-curriculum-project-for-wrexham-primary-schools/>

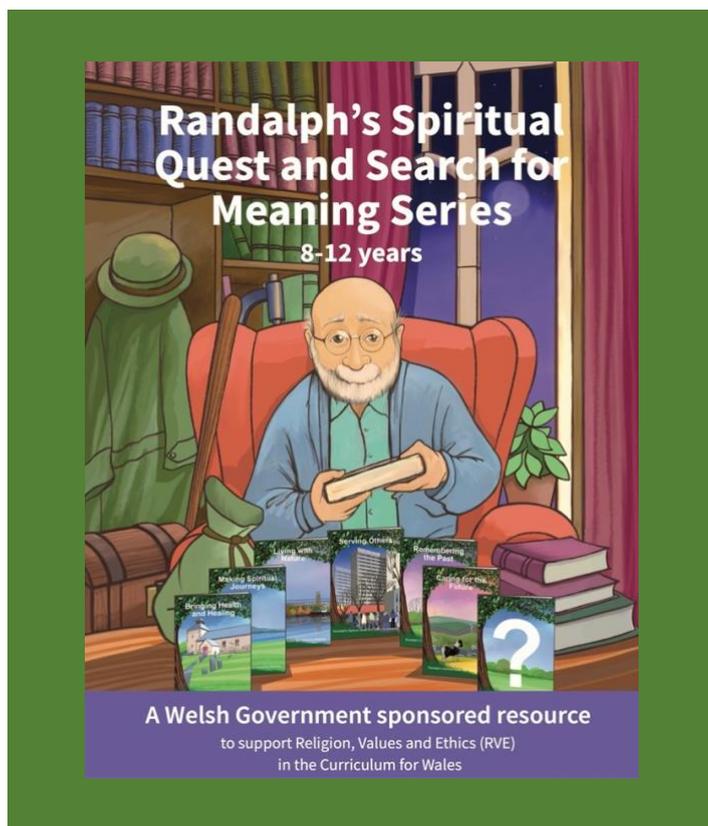


## LIMITED EDITION RANDALPH THE WISE RESOURCES FOR RVE GIVEN TO WREXHAM PRIMARY SCHOOLS

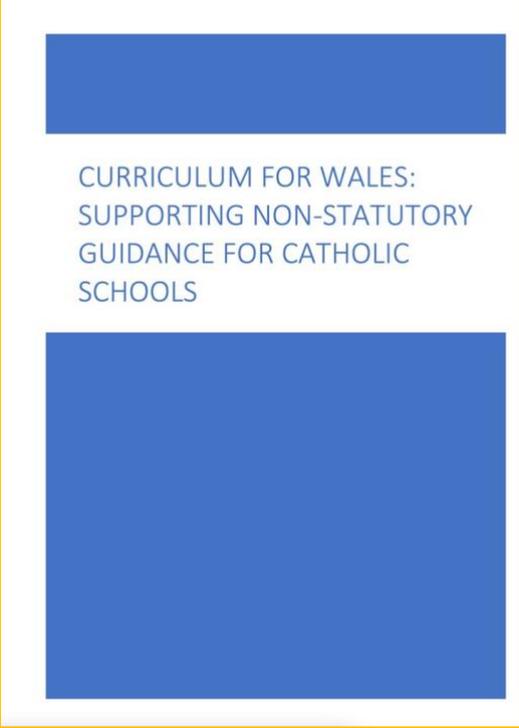
On 22 November, the RVE Advisor for Wrexham Local Authority, Libby Jones, gave a presentation at the Headteachers' Briefing meeting for Wrexham local authority's primary and secondary schools. During the presentation, Libby provided headteachers with key messages about: RVE in the Curriculum for Wales; the Wrexham Agreed Syllabus for RVE; professional learning at national and local level... *(Blog: 22 November 2022)*

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2022/11/22/limited-edition-randolph-the-wise-resources-for-rve-given-to-wrexham-primary-schools/>



## **SUPPORTING NON-STATUTORY GUIDANCE PUBLISHED FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN WALES**

The image shows the cover of a document titled 'CURRICULUM FOR WALES: SUPPORTING NON-STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS'. The cover is white with a blue header and footer, and a large blue rectangular area in the center. The text is in blue capital letters.

CURRICULUM FOR WALES:  
SUPPORTING NON-STATUTORY  
GUIDANCE FOR CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS

The St Giles' Centre welcomes the publication of the document *Curriculum for Wales: supporting non-statutory guidance for Catholic schools*, which relates to statutory Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE). Also included in the document is guidance on 'Relationships and Sexuality Education' (RSE). The aim of the document is to provide headteachers, governors, staff, parents and clergy... (Blog: 21 November 2022)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2022/11/21/supporting-non-statutory-guidance-published-for-catholic-schools-in-wales/>

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## **QATAR, FOOTBALL AND HUMAN RIGHTS: 'ALL THINGS CONSIDERED' COMES TO WREXHAM**

On Thursday 10th November BBC Radio Wales's award-winning 'All Things Considered' faith and ethics series will be recorded in front of a live audience at Wrexham Glyndŵr University... (Blog: 10 November 2022)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2022/11/10/qatar-football-and-human-rights-all-things-considered-comes-to-wrexham/>

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## **SIGN UP FOR WEBINAR ON THE NEW RELIGIOUS STUDIES GCSE PROPOSALS**

As part of the consultation process, Qualifications Wales are holding an online webinar providing an overview of the new Religious Studies GCSE proposals on 19 October (Blog: 18 October 2022)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2022/10/18/sign-up-for-webinar-on-the-new-religious-studies-gcse-proposals/>

## WJEC PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMME FOR 2022/23

The WJEC has just introduced its new professional learning programme for 2022/23. There are over 600 face-to-face or online courses on offer, which will be run by the WJEC's team of experts across the country. The St Giles' Centre will be funding places for Wrexham schools on the Religious Studies GCSE and Religious Studies AS/ A Level courses, to support its local RS practitioners on their professional learning and development journey. *(Blog: 20 September 2022)*

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2022/09/20/wjec-professional-learning-programme-for-2022-23/>

## CHURCH IN WALES RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS GUIDANCE

The St Giles' Centre welcomes the recent publication of the Church in Wales Religion, Values and Ethics Guidance.

Referring specifically to Religion, Values and Ethics, the Church in Wales Statement on Education comments that: "Throughout its history Wales has welcomed people of different faiths and from different cultures, and via its teaching of the subject of religion, values and ethics, the Church in Wales supports an approach which promotes the understanding of and respect for all religions, beliefs and non-religious world views, thus reflecting the diversity that exists in our forward-looking Welsh society." *(Blog: 20 September 2022)*

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2022/09/20/church-in-wales-religion-values-and-ethics-guidance/>

