

Post 16 subject networks Plymouth Local authority

WHAT IS IT?

A post 16 subject Network is a group of colleagues who come together on a voluntary basis to support the LA's desire to improve levels of attainments and achievements in A'Level. All post 16 teachers within the authority are eligible for membership of a subject network (and all have been invited to join).

- There should be five meetings per year
- All post 16 RS teachers should be invited
- Clear agendas should be set
- Evaluate the impact of the work of the network group

CORE PURPOSE

To explore, identify and disseminate best practice in teaching and learning and in doing so enable students to make real gains in their learning.

I believe that we should identify priorities for development in terms of teaching and learning. This can be set out as an action plan.

IDEAS

- Writing joint schemes of work
- Team teaching
- Guest speakers including exam boards
- Joint planning of new or especially challenging topics
- Conferences
- Teachers going on line once a week to answer students' questions
- Developing assessment for learning strategies
- Creative teaching for A'Level

POST 16 SUBJECT NETWORK – ACTION PLAN 2008/9

SUBJECT Religious Education

Outcome	Task	Lead	Time	Resources	Success Criteria
To improve confidence in creative teaching at Post 16.	CMV to lead PASH day workshop and one later in the year with ideas. Steve Garnett to present INSET to Plymouth teachers.	CMV	October 08 for PASH Jan-Feb 09 for Steve June-July 09 for workshop	£500 for guest speaker £80 for refreshments £600 for supply cover	Evaluation of day and further analysis from teacher feedback
To aid teachers to engage with the advanced technology used by Post 16.	Training in use of download, movie maker, ipod, podcasts etc as well as RS websites.	CMV and Ian Hartley from Ridgeway school	March-April 09	£20 refreshments £150 supply cover	Implementation in Schemes of Work
To produce a facility for a shared forum for local teachers.	Set up an RE website for Plymouth teachers where everyone can contribute ensuring pages dedicated to Post 16.	CMV and help from ICT in LA	Ongoing Dec 08-July 09	Time for both parties to get together	RE website set up that teachers across the city are using. Sharing ideas, advising each other – particularly A' Level resources and subject knowledge.
To audit Post 16 RE provision in Plymouth	Contact each secondary school and ask for details such as numbers, exam board and specification.	CMV	Nov 08	N/A	Audit sheet sent out to all schools with contact details.
To improve confidence in A' Level marking for teachers and the teaching of exam	Invite Jon Mayled (OCR chief examiner) to present an A' Level student and teacher	CMV	By April 09	£700 for guest speaker £? For refreshments £? marketing for event.	Evaluation of day and further analysis from teacher feedback.

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conference. CMV to follow up with an exam marking session.

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