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Hi Alun

Our NAPfRE group has been advised that WG have made available to each Consortia **funding to support non-core subject teachers in working together to prepare for the new GCSE specifications.** Apparently each consortium is required to develop a plan/programme to suit the needs of their schools. However the consortia are expected to co-ordinate their efforts in order to avoid duplication of resources. With this funding the GwE consortia, for example, have appointed three 'Lead Practitioners' for Religious Studies who will support other schools in the Consortium in preparing to implement the new RS GCSE specification for 2017.

Could you let me know what plans the EAS / Blaenau Gwent have for using this WG funding to support RS teachers?

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Cc: Ed Pryce
Subject: Re: WG Funding to support implementation of the new GCSE specifications

Gill/all, we will indeed be utilising part of the GCSE grant to support non-core subjects. The support network developed to date has prioritised subjects that are for first teaching in 2016 (e.g. MFL subjects, Geography, Music etc.). We have also provided support to the three schools across the region that have been affected by the change to the WJEC legacy specification for RS (from other exam boards) to support them to prepare their curriculum for the 2016 Year 10 cohort.

All regions are taking differing approaches to this work, in terms of coverage and approach, but we will be meeting with other regional leads early in the new academic year.

We will be reviewing our approach to the new suite of GCSEs from 2017 in Oct/Nov 2016
Hope that provides a useful summary.

Best wishes
James

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Morning all

James Kent is the lead on this area, so copied to him to provide a reply

Regards

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Hi Gill,

Only hearing about this from you now so as yet no plans from an LA perspective. However, since this is a consortium focus, I am also copying Ed Pryce and Kevin Palmer in to see if they can shed light on it. Hi both, any info/thoughts?

Cheers

Alun

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Ed Pryce

Reply

Mon 18/07/2016 19:49

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Many thanks for clarification.

Best regards

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