

## LASAR: BEING HUMAN ~ Newsletter no. 11 (March 2015)



Dear Reader,

Please read on for more information about our upcoming events:

- Secondary event: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015
- Primary event: Summer term 2015

### Secondary event – booking now open!

Booking is now open for our summer event for Secondary pupils taking place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the London Road Campus, University of Reading.

Year 10 to 13 pupils will experience a day of science and philosophy workshops, activities and debates exploring some of life’s “big questions”. This is an excellent opportunity for those studying (or going on to study) sciences, R.E., philosophy or theology to enrich and stretch their knowledge beyond the curriculum. Topics are addressed by leading scientists and experts and include genetics, robotics, origins, philosophy, ethics and more.



There will be a wide range of workshops throughout the day and all students will get the chance to participate in an opening and closing plenary session.

Booking is open for cohorts of up to 40 students per school.

Registration forms and more information can be obtained by emailing [LASAR@reading.ac.uk](mailto:LASAR@reading.ac.uk) and visiting [www.faradayschools.com/events/](http://www.faradayschools.com/events/)

### Primary event

Our recent event for year 6 pupils took place on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and we were excited to be welcoming around 300 pupils and teachers to the campus for a day of workshops and activities exploring the big questions that bridge science and religion.

We will be producing resources and lesson plans as well as educational videos on the topics covered next week. Stay tuned for more information as well as photos from the day. Our last event for primary schools was covered by the BBC and the Reading Post. More information can be found at [www.faradayschools.com/events/](http://www.faradayschools.com/events/)



There will be a primary event in the summer term (date TBC) – please email [LASAR@reading.ac.uk](mailto:LASAR@reading.ac.uk) for more information.

## Resources for schools

With the teaching of evolution in the Year 6 classroom now compulsory under the National Curriculum, we are very interested to hear what teachers' main concerns are about this. Please take ten minutes to complete an online survey at [www.primaryevolution.com](http://www.primaryevolution.com)

With the view of producing accessible resources and improving guidance for primary school teachers, we are holding a series of professional development workshops on topics surrounding Evolution. If you are affected by these curriculum changes or would like to let us know your thoughts on the matter, we would love to hear from you. Register your interest for an upcoming CPD workshop or contact us at [sciencebox@reading.ac.uk](mailto:sciencebox@reading.ac.uk)



Best wishes from,

Lucy & the LASAR team

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