

# LASAR: BEING HUMAN ~ Newsletter no. 12 (Summer 2015)

Dear Reader,

## Upcoming events for schools

Booking is now open for our autumn events for Primary and Secondary pupils.

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (Year 6)
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December (Year 10-13)
- Both events are at the London Road Campus, University of Reading.

Our primary events look at topics bridging science and religion with a particular focus on Origins – as the topic of Evolution will be a compulsory part of the science curriculum for Year 6 from September.

Secondary pupils will experience a day of workshops, activities and debates exploring some of life's "big questions". Topics are addressed by leading scientists and experts and include genetics, robotics, origins, philosophy, ethics and more.

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/)



## Gathering data:

We are hoping to reach our target number of survey participants by the end of the year – and it would be great if you can help. We will email a **£20 Amazon voucher to thank you**

Secondary Schools: Ideally a whole year group in Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 at your school.

The secondary survey is at [www.lasarelick.com](http://www.lasarelick.com)

Primary Schools: The primary survey for Year 6 children is at [www.lasarprimary.com](http://www.lasarprimary.com)

## Summer Programme for Teenagers

We are running a one week residential course at the University of Reading and a unique opportunity to explore in depth topics of Space, Genetics, Robotics, Neuroscience, Philosophy and Theology and answer the question What makes us human? This will take place at the University on Reading from August 2nd to 7th 2015. More information and application forms available at

<http://www.faradayschools.com/events/residential-summer-programme/> - The deadline for applications is midnight July 15 2015.

## 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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