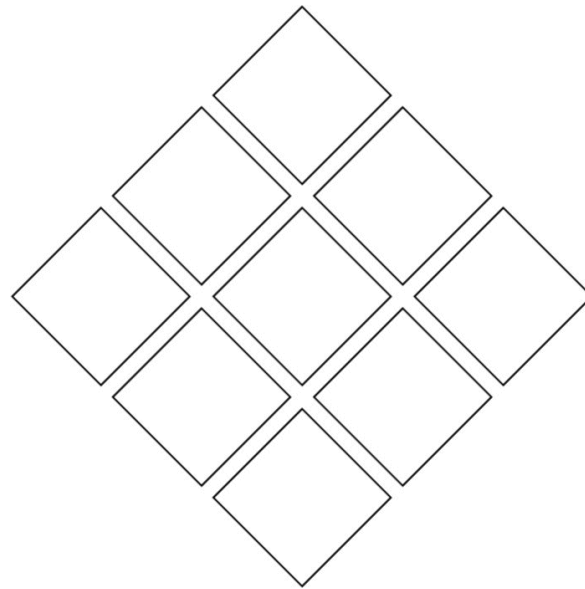


# Understanding Christianity

## Day 1(a)

# Why Do We Teach RE?

- In groups, sort the cards into a diamond nine or in order from the top – which statement best reflects your understanding of the purpose of RE?



# The Purpose of RE (UC)

The purpose of RE is to enable pupils to become religiously literate or to develop their existing religious literacy.

## Religious Literacy:

“The ability to hold balanced and informed conversations about religions and beliefs.”

# Religious Literacy:

- **Theology:** the study of God and religious beliefs. In universities it is a critical study of the nature of the divine.
- **Philosophy:** questions of meaning, purpose and truth
- **Sociology:** study of religion, beliefs and practices. Everyday practice changes in religious practice.

# Why Religious Literacy...?

- What does a religiously illiterate pupil look like?

*What is the difference? Why does it matter?*

- What does a religiously illiterate pupil look like?

# C of E Statement of Entitlement

- What is it?
- Why is it important?
- How do religious and theological literacy fit into the statement?
- What does this mean for you?

## **What is the difference?**

- Religious literacy
- Theological literacy
  
- Using the pack of statements, make two lists

# Teaching RE.....

- In pairs, take some time to look at the images.
- How might you use an image in the classroom to develop religious literacy? theological literacy?

