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Biography

Born in Croydon, Simon Hughes was a pupil at Thomas Beckett Primary School and St. Joseph's College, Beulah Hill. He holds a Bachelor of Theology degree and a Masters in Religion and Education. After fourteen years teaching in Catholic schools, including nine years as Head of RE, Simon moved into higher education, initially training teachers of religious education.

Simon went on to work in teacher professional development, running masters programmes in aspects of education and leadership, and a wide range of day courses and INSET. He was a leadership mentor for the, then, National College of School Leadership. Simon's doctoral research focused on teachers' professional learning through and with technology. He was active in the development of innovative programmes of teacher education such as Teach First and *iteach*.

After a period of time working in the commercial sector, Simon set up his own consultancy business and provided services to education sector enterprises such as RM and FFT. He worked in leadership roles with a wide range of organisations from early years settings to those providing 16 to 19 study programmes. He acted as an additional inspector for Ofsted and was invited to apply to become one of Her Majesty's Inspectors. Simon joined Ofsted fulltime in 2014 and currently undertakes the full range of school inspection activities, including those of initial teacher training.

Simon has held three different volunteer roles in school governance. Over time, Simon has authored, contributed to and edited a wide range of hard-copy and digital texts on religious education including materials for teachers and pupils. He is published in the area of subject leadership and the role of the form tutor, as well as producing research-informed papers. He is married with four adult daughters, is a keen amateur musician and sports fan.