



Policy Statement for Religious Education

Ranelagh School

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The Legal Position

The school, in accordance with its Trust Deed, provides Religious Education for all pupils registered at the school. Following advice from the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education, the Governors decided that Religious Education in our school should be based upon the Pan-Berkshire agreed syllabus (2018-2023) as well as following national developments. Religious Education has the same status and importance as any other subject and, as such, the same high standards are applied in this as in other subjects.

Aims of Religious Education

Religious Education aims to help students to acquire and develop knowledge and understanding of Christianity and other religious and non-religious worldviews. The purpose is to develop religious literacy - students should be able to hold informed conversation about religion and belief. Religious literacy is concerned with an understanding of and critical engagement with the human experience of religion and belief. This balanced study is achieved through the disciplines of theology, philosophy, and social sciences¹. Excellent thinking skills are promoted within the language of SOLO Taxonomy.

Curriculum Content

Religious Education at Ranelagh follows the requirements of the Statement of Entitlement from the Church of England Education Office².

Key Stage 3 (3 hours per fortnight):

- Core concepts in Christianity
- Islam in Britain
- Heroes of Faith/Social Justice
- Eastern Religions
- Interfaith Dialogue
- The life and person of Jesus
- Ethical theory and applied ethics
- Human Image: Considering questions of existence and our sense of self

Key Stage 4 (3 hours per fortnight):

All students study GCSE Religious Studies (Edexcel B)

- Unit 2: Religion, Conflict & Peace through Islam
- Unit 3: Christianity, Philosophy & Social Justice through Christianity

Key Stage 5 – Students may opt to study A Level Religious Studies (OCR 573):

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- Developments in Christian Thought

Students in the sixth form who do not follow the A Level course have a fortnightly timetabled session of General RE.

¹ For more information see <http://www.reonline.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/REThinking-RE-A-Midrash-June-2016.pdf>

² https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-10/re_statement_of_entitlement_2016_0.pdf

Withdrawal from Religious Education

Parents may withdraw their children from all or any part of Religious Education and teachers can exercise their right to withdraw from teaching the subject. However, we hope that all parents and teachers will feel comfortable with the Religious Education at this school. Parents who wish to withdraw their children must provide written notification to this effect.