

# Religious Education

Religious Education contributes to Personal Development in a variety of ways but especially through developing a safe environment in lessons so students feel they are able to discuss various topics and opinions. As a department we encourage our students to have a growth mindset and attempt all tasks to the best of their ability. The RE schemes of learning link to a wide range of PD topics. For example, when studying Brit Milah (ritual of circumcision for Jews), it gives us the opportunity to discuss Female Genital Mutilation. We also cover topics such as abortion and contraception.

We promote equality and diversity by the very nature of this subject, in looking at different religions and different perspectives on the big questions in life. Students are also encouraged to explore how they can contribute to the society we live in. We also follow the school's equality and diversity policy and ensure that we address any issues and prejudice which may arise through discussion. An example is when we discuss relationships, we use varying examples of heterosexual or homosexual couples and the different types of family.

The Religious Education department also contributes to Personal Development through the school's provision of collective worship. Assemblies and Sacred time resources link to world religions, world religious festivals, cultural capital and various national, international days of awareness as well as linking to British Values.