



The RE Department

Staffing

There are currently two members of staff who are RE specialists, one full-time, one part-time.

As a department there is a high level of co-operation, mutual support and sharing of good practice. The department has a sense of common purpose and have high expectations of ourselves and of the pupils. It is an innovative and forward looking department.

Curriculum

At Key stage 3 pupils currently follow the East Riding of Yorkshire Agreed Syllabus. In Year 7 pupils study units on The Big Questions - an introduction to philosophy, 'Wise Words' and 'Sacred Earth'. Year 8 pupils currently study units on 'The Global Dimension, Islam and Judaism and in the Summer term The Holocaust. In year 9 students will begin their Full Course GCSE studies starting with a unit on Human Rights and Social Justice. These units of work have been introduced to be current and relevant in today's society and to capture all pupils' interest and imagination.

The Key Stage 3 syllabi are constantly evaluated by staff and students to gauge their enjoyment and effectiveness. Some have been recently updated.

RS is studied at GCSE by all students and they follow a full GCSE course. Students are taught largely in mixed ability classes and follow the AQA specification 'A'. The course includes, on paper 1A a study of Christian beliefs and practice and Buddhist beliefs and practice and on paper 2A - Thematic Studies. This paper looks at ethical issues such as Human Rights, Peace and Conflict, Crime and Punishment and a philosophical unit on the Existence of God and Revelation. All these topics are studied from a Christian and Buddhist perspective.

RS is offered in the sixth form as an A course, the teaching and delivery of the subject content of these courses are shared jointly with Beverley Grammar School with whom the school shares a Joint Sixth Form. Both departments work very closely and share good practice and ideas. Students follow a programme of study which includes Philosophy of Religion, Ethics and Buddhism.

A range of resources are available in all key stages and pupils are taught through shared schemes of work which have been developed by the department. The department make use of the ICT facilities within school allowing pupils to produce work and research topics for presentations.

Teaching Environment

The teaching at KS3 and KS4 is delivered mainly in one specialist classroom; this room has a PC, smartboard and visualiser which are linked to the whole school network with internet access. The department is well resourced, including software that enhances the learning experience, and pupils' work is displayed frequently within the classroom.

At A level, the subject is taught in a specialist classroom within the Sixth Form block, this room also has a PC, smartboard and visualiser to assist in the delivery of the exam syllabuses. The delivery of ICT is facilitated through the five ICT suites and Chromebooks which are available for all students to use.

The RE department looks forward to welcoming a new and enthusiastic subject specialist to its team who will assist in the continual development of the department. This post holder will need to contribute to the continued success at GCSE and to the whole school ethos.

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