



# Holyhead

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## Religious Education and Collective Worship Policy

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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

### **Religious Education**

Each student in Year 7 and 8 has four periods of Religious Education per week for one term due to the rotational nature of the Humanities KS3 set up. Schemes of Learning are based on the Birmingham Agreed Syllabus and are multi-faith enabling students to Learn From Faith (AT1) and Learn about Religious Traditions (AT2). The aims of RE are to develop the whole child as a spiritual, moral, social and cultured being, and to develop and build society so that “children will be prepared to live, flourish and work in a global community and that Birmingham will become an enriched and more harmonious society”.<sup>1</sup>

In Years 9-11 a full course GCSE is widely offered allowing students to study Christianity and Islam. We currently follow Edexcel B: Beliefs in Action. We study Religion and Ethics in Christianity and Religion, Peace and Conflict in Islam.

In Year 12 and 13 A level Religious Studies is offered allowing students to deepen their studies into philosophical arguments about the existence of God and selected problems in the Philosophy of Religion. Students also study ethical concepts and reflect upon moral, ethical and religious responses to matters of applied ethics. In addition, we also complete an in-depth study into Islam as a third unit.

Should parents/carers have any concerns about the Religious Education their child is receiving they are welcome to discuss these with the Subject Lead for RE. Requests from parents/carers to remove their child from RE lessons (on the basis of religious conviction) should be made in writing initially to Mrs L. Clarke (Subject Lead).

### **Collective Worship**

Collective Worship at Holyhead consists of a weekly year group assembly which is linked to specific themes in the Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education schemes of learning and the National Calendar of Special Days and Events.

Through the Collective Worship it is hoped to provide students and staff with the opportunity to:

- consider spiritual issues
- consider moral issues
- develop a community spirit
- promote the aims of the school
- celebrate success
- promote shared values
- reinforce positive attitudes

Our aim is to provide quality, thought provoking and educational assemblies which can be followed up during tutor time each week. Assemblies should support and contribute to the PSHCE programme and all willing staff and students should be encouraged to become involved in their planning and delivery.

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