

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICY

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The Religious Education course follows the agreed Gloucestershire syllabus and takes into account the guidelines of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

Religious Education is a part of the timetabled curriculum for all students in Years 7 to 11.

Parents and carers have a right to withdraw their children from Religious Education and from acts of collective worship in Religious Education. Any such requests must be made by parents or carers, in writing, to the Headteacher.

Parents and carers are informed that the act of collective worship takes place on a Year Group basis and that members of staff, together with outside agencies approved by the Headteacher, will lead acts of collective worship in accordance with the Education Reform Act. The age, aptitude, family background and faith of the students is taken into consideration when planning Year Group assemblies.

Assemblies should provide the opportunity for all students to:

- reflect on values that are broadly of a Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to the worship offered
- worship God

In accordance with the Act, the Headteacher is actively seeking sufficient resources and additional accommodation to ensure that a daily act of worship is possible. Within resources available the requirements of the Education Act are to be met as far as is possible.

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