



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL (WIMBORNE MINSTER)

Religious Education Policy

Review:

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1. Introduction and Aims

Religious Education is provided for all students in this Voluntary Controlled (Church of England) School under the terms of the 1944 and 1988 Education Acts, and in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus of Religious Education published by Dorset County Council in 1999.

RE has at its centre the spiritual dimension of life and makes a major contribution to the cultural, social, moral and spiritual development of the students.

Aims:

QE is both a Church of England school, where Christian beliefs and principles are an integral part of our culture, and a comprehensive school, which aims to make a significant contribution to the spiritual growth of all students, whatever their religious and cultural background.

The programme will therefore provide opportunities which will:

- i) enable each student to work towards her/his own informed decisions in matters of religious belief and moral choice;
- ii) help students to be increasingly aware of their own spirituality, their potential for spiritual growth and the influence of this on their own lives and on those of others;
- iii) encourage students to explore their own beliefs and moral values and those of others, appreciating how these can influence attitudes, relationships and behaviour;
- iv) help students to make sense of aspects of their personal and social experience, and encourage them to be active and responsible members of the school and of the wider community;
- v) develop particular skills and attitudes which will enhance the students' personal, social and moral development;
- vi) assist students towards greater self-awareness and increasing self-esteem;
- vii) provide opportunities for students to develop an informed understanding of Christianity, and of at least one other major world religion;
- viii) prepare students to live in a multi-cultural society with respect for the beliefs and values of others as well as their own.

2. Scope

This policy is applicable to all of Queen Elizabeth's School.

3. Organisation

RE is linked with the Humanities Faculty. At KS4, all students study full course GCSE in Christianity and Islam. In Years 12 and 13, A' Level courses in Philosophy and Ethics are well supported.

Progression and coordination of RE in Years 9 to 13, are the responsibility of the Head of RE.

4. Curriculum

Year 9's work includes beginning the GCSE course, units studied include: learning about beliefs, teachings and practices in Islam and Christianity .

At Key Stage 4, all students follow the AQA GCSE in Religious Studies with a focus on Christianity and Islam and other world religions looking at ethical themes like Relationships and families, Religion and Life as well as Religion Crime and Punishment and Religion Peace and Conflict.

In Years 12 and 13, students can opt to study the OCR A Level Religious Studies. This is made up of 3 areas; philosophy of religion, ethical theories and developments in Christian thought. Students' progress in RE is monitored through progress checks and annual reports.