

Religious Education Statement

The aim of our RE provision is to support our pupils to develop an understanding of religious and non-religious world views through their teaching and traditions, and gain insight into the lives of their followers. We approach this through our PSHE curriculum and in our wider curriculum, which is strongly focused on personal and social development.

Our core PSHE curriculum comprises of 6 units, each focusing on related ideas. Each unit runs across all year groups, so that knowledge and understanding are developed as pupils return to the same themes as they move through the academy. One unit explores personal identity and the factors (including religious and non-religious beliefs) that influence sense of self. A second unit explores differences between people, including religious and non-religious beliefs. This unit includes examples of individuals and their experiences and actions related to belief, and societal issues such as multiculturalism, prejudice and discrimination.

In addition to the core PSHE curriculum, our wider offer including tutor time and responsive PSHE includes activities related to individuals, festivals and significant events so that pupils can further explore the history, values and traditions of different religions. In English, students study *Romeo and Juliet* and consider how religious belief affects morality, the sanctity of marriage and the role of religious leaders in public and private life. In *Lord of the Flies* students examine ideas of human nature and good and evil as external or internal forces; they also study various forms of government and compare fascism to democracy. In *A Christmas Carol*, students consider the importance of charity and the possibility of an afterlife which reflects the deeds done during life. In *Poetry of Power and Conflict*, students consider the role of faith in conflict and whether religion is used as a justification for violence. In *Black Beauty* and *Call of the Wild*, students study morality and human nature and the role charity, empathy and altruism play in our personal lives and in our wider roles in society.