



Religious Education Department

Blue Coat Church of England School and Music College

Religious Education is an integral part of the curriculum at Coventry Blue Coat Church of England School and Music College. The department comprises 7 RE specialists who are committed to high-quality teaching and regularly share good practice at a local and national level. Religious Education has a history of excellent exam results and significantly contributes to the spiritual and moral development of all pupils. The department received the Gold Standard Quality Mark from the Religious Education Council in recognition of their creative and innovative practices. Extracurricular activities include LGBTQ+ pride group, ethical film club, and Amnesty international club. Students frequently commemorate important events such as interfaith week, which is celebrated by the department and school.

The National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools Report described the school as outstanding. Highlighting that religious education ***'is well led and managed, very well resourced, and forms a significant area of the curriculum. Pupils were observed to consider and debate complex issues, showing extreme maturity in being able to contribute to class discussion'***.



The RE department has worked with several organisations to help them to develop new teaching resources and has been successful in receiving grants totalling several hundred pounds to enhance the RE curriculum.



Religious education is creative in its approach to teaching, with good use being made of film, the arts, visits, and speakers from organisations such as Amnesty International. Pupils visit local places of worship in KS3, and the National Holocaust Centre.

The department follows the Coventry and Warwickshire Agreed Syllabus for RE, with pupils studying Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Sikhism in KS3. This is alongside thematic topics such as prejudice, genetic engineering, and miracles. Pupils regularly engage with ethical debates and big questions such as 'is it right to test on animals?' and 'why would an all-loving God allow people to suffer?'.



All pupils in year 10 and 11 study RE GCSE (AQA A), which includes Christianity, Islam, and thematic studies. Results are well above the national average, with 87% of students achieving a grade 4 or above in 2019. At post 16, students have the option to study A Level Christianity, Philosophy and Ethics (Eduqas). The department has a large A Level group and regularly makes use of engaging speakers such as Greg Barker and Mark Lambe. A2 results are above the national average, with 82% of students achieving A*- C in 2018.