

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Religious Education

Q Question How many specialist Religious Education teachers are there at Bishop Challoner?

A We currently have 6 subject specialists employed at our school.

Q How high is the quality of teaching and learning in the Religious Education Department?

A In the last Section 48 report, the department was judged as outstanding. See comment from report below...

The quality of religious education is outstanding. Pupils enjoy religious education and standards of achievement are high in every key stage. At GCSE, the results demonstrate that almost all groups of pupils make progress, which is above the national average. At A-Level, pupils achieve extremely well, and again this is above the national average. Teaching is frequently outstanding and never less than good. The meticulous monitoring and reviewing, involving the senior team and governors, ensures that high standards of teaching and learning are maintained.

Q Do all students study Religious Education?

A Yes, all students across key stages 3 and 4 will study Religious Education as a core subject and all students are entered for the full GCSE at the end of year 11.

Q Do we study world religions in Religious Education?

A As a Catholic school, the principle religion we teach is Christianity with a strong emphasis on the teachings of The Catholic Church. At ks3 we also include each of the 6 world religions in our lessons across the three years. At ks4 we study Judaism, where students sit exam a paper worth 25% of their final grade.

Q How successful are the Religious Education department at GCSE.

A The Religious Education Department have consistently been one of the highest performing departments in the diocese. In 2019 we had a progress score of +1.06 which represents outstanding progress.

Q What topics do you cover in your ks3 curriculum?

At ks3 we study a range of interesting Philosophical and Theological questions such as; *What sort of person do I want to become? Who is God and why are people religious? How can I find happiness and fulfillment? Why are relationships important? How do we meet the challenges to live justly? How is the Catholic Church unique?*

At ks4 we cover a wide range of issues that help students to reflect on important issues and to develop their own beliefs towards a range of important issues. These include; Capital Punishment, Euthanasia, Abortion, The Environment, Life after Death, Sin and Forgiveness, Creation, The Sanctity of Life, Religious Art.

Q How much homework is set in Religious Education?

A At Key Stage 3 students have homework set once every two weeks. At Key Stage 4 and 5 students will receive homework once a week.

Q Does the department have a social media account?

A The department highlight work that we do to celebrate and develop The Catholic life of the school on the twitter page; @BCCHAPLAINCY