

*RE at Churchmead is centred on the Biblical vision of the school, life in all its fullness (John 10:10). RE at Churchmead reflects the Church of England's statement of entitlement by fostering a deep respect for the world religions whilst being distinctly Christian.*

*RE at Churchmead, through an in-depth study of Christianity at KS3 which is built on at KS4, enables students to have a deep knowledge of the broad range of beliefs and practices of Christianity; understanding Christianity always as a world-wide faith. Students begin this journey of deep knowledge in Christianity when they study the core concepts of Christianity, e.g. God, Truth, Faith, Trinity and Jesus etc. Students get to engage with different translations and interpretations of the Bible that broadens their understanding of Christianity as a diverse religious faith. The key to unlocking the door of deep knowledge in RE is religious literacy. Religious literacy is built up by ensuring there are a variety of activities constantly returned to in the RE curriculum to build up literacy over time and also give students the opportunity to make connections in their knowledge during this time.*

*RE at Churchmead whilst focused fundamentally on understanding others and acquiring knowledge is also about developing a wide range of skills. Students have the opportunity to engage in enquiry led learning, analysis of sacred texts, evaluation of a variety of contrasting viewpoints alongside the space needed to reflect on their own beliefs. RE is a priority here at Churchmead for the school leaders. RE is a valued core subject in the school. The RE curriculum is intrinsic to the outworking of our Christian vision, as one example of this, the first unit in year 7 is the Life In All Its Fullness Unit. In this unit they are given the space to ask what life in all its fullness means to them, what it means to Jesus, Martin Luther King, Pope Francis, Mother Teresa and Malala.*

*RE at Churchmead gives students the opportunity to engage with challenging questions of meaning and purpose raised by human existence and experience. RE at Churchmead also gives students the time and space to think about their own religious, spiritual and philosophical ways of living, believing and thinking. RE at Churchmead gives students the space to flourish and time to ask (and try and answer) what it means to live life to the full.*