



Religious Education Department

The Religious Education department consists of 4 specialist teachers all of whom are willing to teach other subjects within Humanities. The Religious Education department work closely with the other Humanities Subjects, which consist of History, Geography, Psychology, Law and Sociology. There is a strong ethos of CPLD within the Department, where there are opportunities to reflect and improve on our teaching practice. Members of the department have been keen to run whole school events, such as Black Voices day and the HMD Youth Champions Bronze Award.

Religious Education at St Laurence aims to allow young people to acquire a better understanding of the role that religions play in today's pluralistic world. The need for such education will continue to grow as different cultures and identities interact with each other through travel, commerce, media or migration. Although a deeper understanding of religions will not automatically lead to greater tolerance and respect, ignorance increases the likelihood of misunderstanding, stereotyping, and conflict. Teaching about these religions and beliefs should be provided in a way that is fair, accurate and based on sound knowledge. Those who teach about religions and beliefs at St Laurence should be adequately educated to do so. Such teachers need to have the knowledge, attitude and skills to teach about religions and beliefs in a fair and balanced way. Teachers need not only subject-matter competence but pedagogical skills so that they can interact with students and help students interact with each other in sensitive and respectful ways.

Key Stage 3

At KS3 RE is given 3 hours per fortnight and is taught thematically in line with the Wiltshire Agreed syllabus .

Key Stage 4

RE is allocated 5 hours over 2 weeks, where the Eduqas GCSE Route A is taught to all students. The focus is on Christianity and Islam

Sixth Form

Students taught AQA Philosophy

ENRICHMENT

The Faculty offers a wide range of Enrichment opportunities that include:

Auschwitz Trip

Church Walk

Collaborations with other departments in Black Voices day

Theatre Experiences