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The Bolsover School

Religious Education Policy

In accordance with the 1944 Education Act and the Religious Education reform Act of 1988, as amplified in the Circular 3/89, the Governing Body of the Bolsover School requires Religious Education to be provided as part of the curriculum for all students.

Students in Year 7 & 8 are to receive a minimum of 3 lessons per fortnight (curriculum cycle), whilst students in Years 9, 10 and 11 are to receive 1 lessons per fortnight. Religious Education (Contemporary Moral Issues) is offered as an optional GCSE at Key Stage 4. Aspects of religion, religious tolerance and indeed life in Britain in the 21st Century are increasing in importance, both nationally and indeed in the eyes of Ofsted. It is with this in mind that the school will utilise some of the increased time allocation to the tutor period and incorporate topical religious and ethical issues such as radicalisation.

Staffing:

In Years 7, 8 and 9 Religious Education will be taught, wherever possible, by specialist teachers, as will the specialist GCSE groups in Year 10. The additional teaching of RE will be from a member of the Humanities curriculum team.

Content:

The content of the Religious Education programme will be in accordance with the Derbyshire Locally Agreed Syllabus. This is due for a revamp by DCC to incorporate many current issues and will be launched on June 8th. The GCSE syllabus will be the one deemed most suitable by the department leader for Religious Education.

Students withdrawn from Religious Education:

Under the 1988 Education Reform Act parental rights to withdraw their child(ren) from Religious Education remains unchanged. Any parent wishing to withdraw their child(ren) is asked to discuss the matter with the form or RE tutor in the first instance. Where the parent still wishes to withdraw their son / daughter from the school alternative work will be set and this will be supervised by the Inclusion Unit team. Notification to withdraw a child should be in writing and addressed to the Headteacher.