

Department Information – Religious Education

The RE department consists of five full time specialists and some experienced Catholic teachers who contribute to the delivery of RE on a part time basis. At KS3 pupils follow a diocesan course of study and at KS4 all pupils study the AQA syllabus in Religious Education. In Year 10 pupils explore Mark's Gospel, and in Year 11 pupils study 'Roman Catholicism: Ethics'. General RE is an important part of the curriculum for all post-16 pupils. The AQA 'AS' level in Religion and Ethics is taught to all students in the sixth form. Christian Theology is offered to girls who opt to do the full AS/A2 qualification. Units covered include Old Testament, the Fourth Gospel and Religion and Ethics.

RE is taught in a suite of 6 classrooms in one area of the school, and there are bases for the storage of stock and equipment at a variety of points. We have 2 part-time chaplains who work with the Subject Leader of RE to organise liturgical events, retreats and visiting speakers.

This is a large department involving a lot of co-ordination of staff and pupils. There are c. 1350 pupils in the school, including c.300 Sixth Form students. The delivery of an effective and well-managed programme is fundamental to the Catholic and Mercy ethos of the school. A highly qualified and enthusiastic teacher is required to deliver RE to all of the key stages. The ability to teach AS/A2 level is essential.

The 2007 RE OFSTED Report remarked

“Teaching and Learning in RE are good with some outstanding features. The contribution of RE to the spiritual and moral development of the students in St. Anthony's is outstanding.”