



# Holyhead

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## Religious Education and Collective Worship Policy

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Policy Lead:

A Khatun

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Principal

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**Details of the Changes**

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

### Religious Education

At Holyhead School, we follow the Birmingham Agreed Syllabus 2022 for Religious Education. Schemes of Learning are based on the Syllabus and have been designed to be inclusive for all students across our diverse school community. Learning is driven through the development of 24 dispositions, or values. The 24 dispositions 'represent pluralistic British values and ensure that Birmingham's children have their hearts and minds expanded so that their lives can be led in a city united through interconnected communities.'

Each student in Years 7 - 11 has one compulsory RE lesson per week in line with government guidelines. Students study Christianity in the main, whilst taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions and worldviews represented in Great Britain.

In Years 10-11 a full course GCSE is widely offered allowing students to study Christianity and Islam. We currently follow Edexcel B: Beliefs in Action. We study Religion and Ethics in Christianity and Religion, Peace and Conflict in Islam.

In Year 12 and 13 A level Religious Studies is offered allowing students to deepen their studies into philosophical arguments about the existence of God and selected problems in the Philosophy of Religion. Students also study ethical concepts and reflect upon moral, ethical and religious responses to matters of applied ethics. In addition, we also complete an in-depth study into Islam as a third unit.

Should parents/carers have any concerns about the Religious Education their child is receiving they are welcome to discuss these with the Subject Lead for RE. Requests from parents/carers to remove their child from RE lessons (on the basis of religious conviction) should be made in writing initially to Miss A Khatun (Subject Lead).

### Collective Worship

Collective Worship at Holyhead consists of a weekly year group assembly which is linked to specific themes in the Personal, Social, Health and Economic schemes of learning, Character development, Spirituality and the National Calendar of Special Days and Events.

Collective Worship aims to:

- Enable students to consider spiritual and moral issues, as well as explore their own beliefs.
- Provide students with the opportunity to plan, lead or contribute to discussions on key themes and topics, e.g. morality.
- Provide a peaceful environment to enable stillness, prayer and reflection.
- Help students to develop an awareness of their community and the spirit of helping others.
- Develop a spirit of community and an understanding of individuals with other beliefs.
- Acknowledge diversity and affirm each individual's life stance, whether religious or not.
- Promote a common ethos and shared values.
- Reinforce positive attitudes.

Our aim is to provide quality, thought provoking and educational assemblies which can be followed up during tutor time each week. Assemblies should support and contribute to the PSHE programme and all willing staff and students should be encouraged to become involved in their planning and delivery.

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