

Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural Development (SMSC) in

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

In Religious Studies the role of SMSC underpins all aspects of our teaching and learning, as well as the development and achievement of each pupil in our care. We encourage our pupils to engage with our core values so they are able to be excellent, be inspired and succeed. We provide pupils with the opportunity to develop spiritually through learning about themselves, others and the world around them so they become aware of the values and attitudes of others. They are given the chance to achieve this through discussions about different beliefs and opinions; drawing reasoned judgements and applying what they have they learnt to their own situations. Pupils investigate moral values and ethical issues in Religious Studies. Recognising right and wrong, understanding the consequences of their actions which enable them to know what is expected of them and how to behave. Pupils develop personal qualities, using social skills in a variety of social settings, cooperating well with others and being able to resolve conflicts effectively. In Religious Studies pupils explore the understanding of and develop respect for cultural diversity of our society and an appreciation of the wide range of cultural influences.

All of these aspects of SMSC are not only present during Religious Studies lessons but also through our enhanced provision outside of the classroom. Pupils take an active role in our annual retreats, liturgies, visits to different places of worship, our Inspire group and our various charity events throughout the year such as Operation Christmas Child, Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Fairtrade Fortnight.