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Faith	Resilience	Community	Respect	Excellence	Family



“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.”

Psalm 32:8

Intent. *Why do we teach Religious Education?*

Catholic schools serve diverse populations of pupils and within this context the Religious Education Curriculum Directory (RECD) gives clear aims of the purpose of Religious Education:

1. To present engagingly a comprehensive content which is the basis of knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith;
2. To enable pupils continually to deepen their religious and theological understanding and be able to communicate this effectively;
3. To present an authentic vision of the Church’s moral and social teaching so that pupils can make a critique of the underlying trends in contemporary culture and society;
4. To raise pupils’ awareness of the faith and traditions of other religious communities in order to respect and understand them;
5. To develop the critical faculties of pupils so that they can relate their Catholic faith to daily life;
6. To stimulate pupils’ imagination and provoke a desire for personal meaning as revealed in the truth of the Catholic faith;
7. To enable pupils to relate the knowledge gained through Religious Education to their understanding of other subjects in the curriculum;
8. To bring clarity to the relationship between faith and life, and between faith and culture.

The outcome of excellent Religious Education is religiously literate and engaged young people who have the knowledge, understanding and skills – appropriate to their age and capacity – to reflect spiritually, and think ethically and theologically, and who are aware of the demands of religious commitment in everyday life.

For the Key Stage Three curriculum we follow the Religious Education Curriculum Directory.

For the Key Stage Four curriculum we follow the GCSE Religious Studies Edexcel Specification A Curriculum, this allows for an in depth study of Catholic Christianity, Judaism and Philosophy and Ethics.