

Curriculum Statement for RE

Curriculum aims

The RE curriculum at Vanguard School reflects our rich, vibrant and diverse multi-cultural and multi-faith community. Respect, tolerance and understanding for others underpins the ethos of our school community. Throughout Key Stage 3, pupils extend their understanding of Christianity and the other principal religions in a local, national and global context. Every opportunity is taken to ensure our students they apply their understanding of religious and philosophical beliefs, teachings and practices to a range of ultimate questions and ethical issues, with a focus on self-awareness, relationships, rights and responsibilities.

How we teach Religious Education

The main RE curriculum follows the Lambeth Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education and taught through the Personal Development lessons (1 hr per week). This provides the students with the opportunity to develop their evaluative skills, show reasoned and balanced viewpoints when considering their own and others' responses to religious, philosophical and spiritual issues.

In addition to the planned curriculum, delivered through the Personal Development curriculum, there is broad calendar of community and cultural events across the year. These whole school events provide the students to develop their knowledge and understandings of religions within our community and learn from religion. Every opportunity is made to encourage students to make rich connections between their knowledge of and learning from religion and other subjects they study. For example, a key part of the Year 9 History curriculum is the study of the Shoah and the treatment of Jewish people in the Second World War. As part of this topic students visit a local synagogue and develop their understanding of both the Jewish religion, culture and community in Europe at this time.

Specific Curriculum Links and References

[Key Stage 3 - Exploring the World of Faith and Belief in Lambeth](#)

[Vanguard Cultural Calendar September 2024-5](#)

[Collective_worship_in_schools.pdf](#)

[Religious education \(RE\) and collective worship in academies and free schools - GOV.UK](#)