



Saint Augustine's RC High School

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Information for the Curriculum Leader of Religious Education Post

The Religious Education department at St Augustine's is dynamic, enthusiastic and successful with a very high profile within the school. Currently, there are five full-time teachers. We also have a Chaplaincy Assistant who works three days a week.

The RE Department has a suite of four classrooms, each equipped with interactive whiteboards, music and video facilities. We also have a beautiful chapel, with a wood panelled ceiling and soft lighting to create a peaceful and welcoming atmosphere. The pupils have an opportunity to visit the chapel to pray and reflect during RE time, form time, lunch and break times. Although most Masses take place in the main hall in the heart of the school, smaller liturgies take place in the chapel. The department is well resourced throughout KS3 and KS4. All pupils sit GCSE RE at KS4 and results are consistently high (in 2017, 35% achieved A*-A and 77% of pupils achieved A*-C) with excellent value added.



The Religious Life of the School

There is a very active liturgical life at St Augustine's school. Whole school Mass is celebrated at the end of each term and there are other voluntary Masses throughout the school year. The Chapel is used regularly during RE lessons, by the lunchtime prayer group and for pupils' quiet time. The RE Department plays a leading role in developing the prayer and worship life of St Augustine's and works closely in liaison with colleagues in many departments including music, drama and dance. Pupil chaplains play an important part in school life and we have a good number of pupils involved in this work. We are piloting the CYMFED Faith in Action Award this year.

Our children predominantly come from our 10 partner parishes and we are fortunate to have the strong support of parish priests, many of whom visit St Augustine's regularly. We have excellent relationships with our partner primaries and every year we hold an Intake Mass for year 6 pupils and their families as well as numerous Crossroads Masses in the local parishes as part of Year 6 Transition. We also have excellent relationships with colleagues at our partner sixth form college, St Mary's in Blackburn.



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There are retreat programmes for different year groups including school-based retreats and residential retreats at Alton Castle and Castlerigg.

The RE Curriculum

At KS3, pupils follow a scheme of work based on the Salford Diocese guidelines based on half termly modules. Resources are created by the teaching staff and pupils are taught in sets from Year 7.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Why do we study religion?	Judaism Beliefs	Judaism Practices
Who is God?	Vocation	Common Good
What is the Church?	God and the Sacraments	The Nature of God
What is Prayer?	Worship and Liturgical Year	Healthy Relationships
Who is Jesus?	Prejudice and Discrimination	GCSE course start
Introduction to Islam	The Catholic Church	

In Key Stage 4 all pupils study GCSE Religious Education following the Edexcel A Specification. The department has class sets of Edexcel GCSE *Catholic Christianity with Islam and Judaism* by Hobday, Lewis et al, supported by the Edexcel GCSE Revision Book.

Please check our website www.sarchs.com for more information about the department and the school.

RE Staff

Mrs C Gunn Curriculum Leader (Vacancy from September 2018)
Mrs R Burton Lead Teacher
Mr A Lowe
Miss L Newton
Mr M Williams

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