



MONK'S WALK

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Statement of Religious Education

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Monk's Walk is an essentially secular school that takes students from a wide variety of family religious backgrounds and none. As a consequence of the relatively homogenous nature of the school's catchment area, students do not easily, on a daily basis, have contact with others of different cultural backgrounds or religions. It is incumbent upon the school, therefore, to enhance the students' awareness of living in a multi-faith society.

The school does not meet its statutory responsibilities for collective worship as there is no daily act of collective worship. However, for Years 7 through to 11, religious education is taught as a discreet subject in all years. There is an assessed external qualification in religious education which is taken at the end of year 11. In addition to this, the broader school curriculum provides regular opportunities for students to learn and discuss issues of a spiritual and moral nature. This includes the topics learnt during extended learning days and theme week.

KS3 Compulsory Element

In KS3 all students study religious education for one lesson per week. The course is based on the local approved syllabus and covers Christianity and key elements of six other major world religions.

KS4 Compulsory Element

RE for two periods per week is compulsory in Year 10 and one period per week in Year 11. Students follow a RE GCSE scheme of work.

KS5

Assemblies and the PSHCE programme provide opportunities for students to be aware of and discuss religious, moral and ethical topics.