



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **Q: IS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STILL RELEVANT?**

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More so than ever. The news presents ever more challenging issues relating to beliefs, values and behaviours on a daily basis. Here at St Wilfrid's the programmes of study require that students learn about and learn from religion and beliefs. When asked, students themselves rate RE as an important discipline to prepare them for work and society.

### **Q: DO ALL STUDENTS HAVE TO STUDY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?**

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Yes. All students must study RE (from 11 to 19). It is not an 'option' subjects but one that is at the core of academy.

### **Q: HOW MUCH TIME IS ALLOCATED TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?**

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All students have at least one or two hours of Religious Education each week.

### **Q: WILL MY CHILD COMPLETE AN EXAM IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?**

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All students will study RE until they leave the academy – most of our students are entered for an exam whether that be the full-course or the short-course and can achieve up to a grade nine on either papers. There is no coursework and our child will complete either one or two exams at the end of Year 11.

### **Q: WHAT WILL BE CHILD COVER IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?**

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Your child will study all of the six major world religions whilst exploring other worldviews including those of Humanism and Atheism. Students will explore philosophical, ethical and theological concepts and consider how beliefs and practices both shape and influence individuals and the communities to which they live.