



St Philomena's

Catholic High School for Girls

ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Religious Education Department at St. Philomena's recruits outstanding teachers to join a friendly, successful and spiritually rich department. St Philomena's is a rewarding place to work and has a vibrant staff community as well as students who are lively, engaged, and mature in their approach to study.

All students in Key Stages 3 & 4 receive three lessons of RE each week. This enables us to study in depth and to foster a lasting rapport with our students and their learning. In Key Stage 4 all students study RE at GCSE and follow the AQA (B) syllabus with focus on Catholic Christianity, Judaism, and Mark's Gospel. As a teacher you will be immersed in a wide and interesting curriculum and will be developed in areas of theology, philosophy, ethics, and scripture.

As a school with a Sixth Form we will develop your subject knowledge and specialism at A-level. We have a thriving Sixth Form provision with approximately fifty students studying the subject at Key Stage 5. Our Year 12 students are currently following the Edexcel syllabus with a focus on Philosophy of Religion, Religion & Ethics and New Testament Studies. All Key Stage 5 students follow a Core RE Programme. At present the Religious Education Department is in the hands of six teachers.

The department is well resourced and the use of IT is well established in the department's teaching. Every member of staff receives an iPad and students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 have their own IT device for use in lessons.

The successful candidate will:

- deliver outstanding lessons in line with the RE Curriculum Directory of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.
- be familiar with and fully engaged in teaching the GCSE and A-Level courses in Years 11 - 13
- be proactive in building positive working relationships with students, staff, and parents/carers
- desire to work collaboratively within a department which shares resources and good practice
- desire to work within a department and school which seeks to form young people on an academic, human, spiritual and social level
- seek to bring students closer to Christ within a Roman Catholic school ethos which sees education as a vocation and journey in faith for all.
- draw life from contributing to the extra-curricular life of the school and providing opportunities for the community to experience life to the full.

The Religious Education results are among the best in the school. It is a high achieving department in a high achieving school. Overall students make outstanding progress in Religious Education. They enjoy the lessons and their behaviour is exemplary. They are curious and collaborative learners, working well with each other and responding well to the challenges of the teachers. Section 48 Inspection Report, September 2013