**Theology and Philosophy Department**

**Camden School for Girls**

The Theology and Philosophy department currently comprises the Head of Department and one full-time member of staff.

There are two specialist RE classrooms in the main building.

The approach is inclusive – all students are encouraged to take part in lessons. Currently no students are withdrawn from RE in KS3 and KS4.

**KS3**

* We follow the Camden Locally Agreed Syllabus, (see London Borough of Tower Hamlets syllabus) which is multi—faith in approach - we focus particularly upon Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism, Hinduism. The main skills are enquiry, analysis and evaluation
* Students are taught in mixed ability groups
* Timing: KS3 one 40 minute period a week.

**KS4**

* All girls follow the Edexcel full course syllabus ‘Beliefs in Action’ – Christianity and Islam.
* Students achieve very well at GCSE - 80% A\* - C short course. 98% A\* - C full course.
* Exam results have been consistently good; with significant value - added at Key Stage 4.
* Timing:Years 10 & 11 - 1 period per week for short course in sets agreed with Maths Dept

**KS5**

* Religious Studies has been on offer as an A level subject since 2000 and has been growing in popularity with both girls and boys.
* OCR syllabus – Philosophy of Religion, Christian Theology and Ethics are the modules taught.
* Students are provided with two text books to support their learning. They are encouraged to buy other text books.
* Timing: 7 periods - Year 12

7 periods - Year 13

* AQA Philosophy is also offered, focussing primarily on ethics, philosophy of mind, epistemology and philosophy of religion.
* Timing: 7 periods - Year 12

7 periods - Year 13

**CAMDEN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER**

The ability to teach RE across the age range is essential. At KS3 we follow the Camden Agreed Syllabus, which is multi-faith in its approach and we focus particularly upon Christianity, Islam and Judaism, but all world religions are covered. Students are taught in mixed ability groups.

All students in KS4 follow the Edexcel full course syllabus ‘Beliefs in Action’ – Christianity and Islam. This has proved a popular and successful course with splendid results (80% A\*-C core entry). Students can opt to sit the ‘full course’ GCSE. Standards in general are high.

Post 16 Religious Studies was introduced in 2000. There is an A/S and an A2 group. Students are following the OCR syllabus Philosophy of Religion, Christian Theology and Religious Ethics. The philosophical content of these courses has proved very popular.

There is a separate A level in Philosophy which covers aspects of epistemology, political and moral philosophy. Philosophy of mind has also been offered in the past. Philosophy is a popular subject at AS and A2.

We value the educational benefits of trips. This year there have been visits to the London Jewish Museum, The London Buddhist Centre, Regent’s Park Mosque and Heythrop College. We would like to build on these trips and make greater use of the religious amenities in Camden.

The department has run sixth form masterclasses which include specialist talks, and a Philosophy discussion society.

**The criteria for appointment will be:**

* a successful record as a teacher of RE
* commitment and enthusiasm for the subject
* evidence of sympathy with the ethos of the school and the department
* evidence of the requisite academic qualifications
* an awareness of current issues in Equal Opportunities and in RE
* a knowledge of the locally agreed syllabus
* evidence of good oral and written communication skills
* ability to work as a member of a team
* willingness to participate fully in the life of the school and assist with assemblies
* ability to organise trips and outside speakers
* good personal skills