



# The Religious Education Department at St Columba's College

A well-qualified teacher is sought to join this thriving and forward-looking department which operates at the heart of College life. The successful candidate will be required to teach across all key stages. There are currently 6 full-time members of the Department and 1 part-time. All are practising Catholics, committed to enabling boys to explore the spiritual and moral dimensions to life. Our KS3 schemes of work follow the RE Curriculum Directory for Catholic Schools with an emphasis on independent learning and skills of critical thinking.

All boys take GCSE Religious Studies. We currently study Eduqas Route B Catholic Christianity and Judaism. The subject enjoys excellent uptake at A Level. Here, the programme of study comprises the Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics and Developments in Christian Thought for the OCR board. One lesson of General RE per week is taught to all boys in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

Members of the department work hard to achieve excellent GSCE and A Level results in Religious Studies. The Religious Education Department promotes a culture of high academic rigour gaining superb exam results at GCSE and A level. However, this does not divert us from our central belief that human dignity is not solely determined by academic achievement and so we endeavour to educate the whole person and meet the needs of the boys where they are at. In a recent Diocesan Inspection Classroom Religious Education and the Catholic Life of the school was graded as outstanding. Several members of the department play a role in the College Ministry Team and the successful candidate will have the opportunity to make a key contribution here.