**Religious Education**

**Department Information**

The RE department is a thriving, popular and dynamic environment that is well supported and increasingly well equipped. The department makes a major contribution to the spiritual and moral development of the whole school. GCSE results in RE are consistently strong and student uptake is good as a result. Students take their options in year 8, giving 3 years for the delivery of the GCSE. The Head of Subject is a published expert in the teaching of RE.

At KS3 students have two/three periods a fortnight and KS4 have one period a fortnight for core RE. Those opting for Religious Studies will study for a GCSE over five periods a fortnight.

There are two adjoining RE rooms with interactive whiteboards, a set of iPads and a range of text books.

Visits to places of worship in recent years have included: Ipswich Gurdwara, The Ipswich Buddhist Centre, Neasden Mandir, Lawford Church and St Albans Cathedral. We are always looking for new visit experiences.

Personal development is a strength of the school to which RE makes a central contribution. Students enjoy positive relationships with each other and with staff.