Handsworth Wood Girls’ Academy

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Religious Education

The aims of RE are to develop the whole child as a spiritual, moral, social and cultured being, and to develop and build society so that “children will be prepared to live, flourish and work in a global community and that Birmingham will become an enriched and more harmonious society”.

Each student in Year 7-9 has one hour of Religious Education per week. In Year 10 and 11 students have one lesson of Religious Education per fortnight. Students may choose Islamic Studies as one of their options in KS4. As an academy, we have to provide RE for all our students, but parents do have the right to withdraw their daughter(s) from lessons.

Schemes of Work are based on the Birmingham Agreed Syllabus and are multi-faith enabling students to Learn From Faith (AT1) and Learn about Religious Traditions (AT2).

Students study a full course Religious Education GCSE from Year 9 to 11 in which they will consider ethical issues from different religious perspectives. Should parents/carers have any queries about the Religious Education their child is receiving they are welcome to discuss these with the Head of RE.

Collective Worship

Collective Worship at Handsworth Wood Girls’ Academy consists of a daily thought of the day and a weekly assembly which is linked to specific themes in the Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education schemes of learning and the National Calendar of Special Days and Events. Collective Worship provides students and staff with the opportunity to:

- consider spiritual issues
- consider moral issues
- develop a community spirit
- promote the aims of the school
- celebrate success
- promote shared values
- reinforce positive attitudes

Our aim is to provide quality, thought provoking and educational assemblies which can be followed up during tutor time each week. Assemblies should support and contribute to the PSHCE programme and support spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of students. All staff and students should be encouraged to become involved in their planning and delivery of assemblies.

Policy signed off by: A. Mahroof

Chair of Governors
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