

Exmouth Community College



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICY

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Religion at Exmouth Community College is regarded as an integral part of the school curriculum, essential to any child's complete and thorough education.

Religion may be seen as a particular and distinctive way of interpreting experience and mode of understanding and to study religion is the entitlement of each child.

Aims

Religious Education at Exmouth Community College seeks to implement the aims and objectives of the Education Reform Act 1988 and specifically those of the New Agreed Syllabus for Religion in Devon (new one in place from September 2015).

Therefore within Exmouth Community College Religion aims:

- to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural and mental development of students and society.
- to offer explicit opportunities for students to consider the response of religion to fundamental questions about the purpose of being, morality and ethical standards and develop their own response to such matters.
- to ensure students gain both a thorough knowledge of Christianity reflecting the Christian heritage of this country and knowledge of other principle religions represented in Great Britain.
- to help to promote among students a clear set of personal values and beliefs.
- to promote respect for, and understanding of, those with different beliefs and religious practices from their own, based on rigorous study of different faiths.
- to explore difficult issues within a supportive framework

Religion at Exmouth Community College seeks to achieve these aims by assisting students to:

- reflect on those aspects of human experience which give rise to fundamental questions about life.
- develop a sensitivity to spiritual/religious interpretations of human experience.
- study Christianity and the principal religions represented in Britain.
- it involves a wide range of concepts, skills, attitudes and emotions.
- it encourages the individual to gain self-understanding, to explore relationships with others and to consider the place of the individual within the local community and the wider world.

The College acknowledges the legal provisions:

- that parents have the right to withdraw their children.
- that Religious Education should be non-denominational.

PROVISION

The content of the religion syllabus at Exmouth Community College corresponds to the 2 Targets identified in the Devon Agreed Syllabus:-

Target 1 ~ Learning about Religious Education

Target 2 ~ Learning from Religious Education

These target areas will be one key statement and theme for 2015.

KEY STAGE 3

Students in Year 7 have 1 period per week
Students in Year 8 have 2 periods per week
Students in Year 9 have 1 period per week

KEY STAGE 4

All students begin a GCSE short course in RE during Year 10. This leads to a final examination at the end of Year 11. The students study a variety of modules based on the OCR syllabus.

GCSE students have 3 periods per week in Years 10 and in Year 11.
All students have 1 period per week core Religion in Years 10 and 11 leading to the short course.

KEY STAGE 5

Religious Studies is available at 'A' and AS Level (Philosophy and Ethics).

For those not involved in public exams, it is aimed to make a provision through the use of specific Post-16 Conferences where possible.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Equality Policy. No one will unlawfully be disadvantaged on the grounds of age, race or ethnicity, disability, gender and marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion or belief under the operation of this policy.