



## **RE Department Information**

The RE department is at the centre of the school mission to 'welcome and accept all our students and staff as unique individuals created in the image and likeness of God' and to 'provide an excellent Catholic education for all our students that enables them to respond to the call of Christ in their lives' (CNCS Mission statement).

Religious Education is at the heart of our mission as a Catholic school and is treated accordingly with 10% curriculum time being given in KS3 & 4 and 5% in KS 5. Our KS 3 & 4 classes are mixed ability groups. In KS3 we are continuing to develop and adapt our curriculum in line with the Catholic Directory.

At GCSE we do the AQA Religious Studies B Specification. Catholic Christianity accounts for 50% of the exam. The other 50% is made up of 25% Islam and 25% Religion and Social issues in line with the recommendations of the Bishop's conference.

In KS5 we currently teach the OCR A Level in Philosophy and Ethics. It is one of the most attractive aspects of working in an 11-18 school. All Newman College students (whether they study the A level or not) participate in a programme of General R.E. This is a seminar-based study that aims to engage students with a variety of philosophical and ethical issues and provide them with the knowledge and understanding they will need as adults.

The Religious Education department makes a major contribution to the wider chaplaincy function of the school. At Cardinal Newman School, the responsibility for chaplaincy is dispersed among the whole staff but leadership is provided by our chaplaincy coordinators.

The successful candidate will be joining an experienced, highly qualified, well-motivated, supportive, and enthusiastic team. There are 11 members of the RE department and we all share resources and work together. Within the department there is a range of experience (from training year to UPS 3) and the RE team is committed to the spiritual development of our students.