



Watford Grammar School for Girls

Religious Studies

Department Information

Religious Studies is a well-established and flourishing subject which is taught throughout the school. We teach a multi-faith curriculum in line with the Hertfordshire Agreed Syllabus and the subject is well supported by the emphasis on the spiritual and moral development of pupils specified in our school Aims and which contributes to the ethos of Watford Grammar School for Girls. The KS3 Levels of Achievement, GCSE and A Level exam results are well above the national average. In 2022 43% of students achieved A* to A and at GCSE 40% of students achieved grade 9.

The Department teaches 1 lesson in Year 7 and 9 and 2 lessons in Years 8. Core RS is taught for one hour a week to year 10 with RS conferences provided twice a year for Y11. In addition, we have thriving GCSE groups with five classes in both Y10 and 11. We currently follow the AQA specification at GCSE. At A Level the Eduqas syllabus is studied and the subject is a popular choice - each year attracting one or two classes, some of whom go on to study the subject at University.

There are four full time specialists within the department. The Department is committed to an objective, educational approach to the teaching of Religious Studies which fosters in pupils an interest in the religious dimension of life as well as enjoyment of the subject, and also aims to develop in them tolerance, respect and understanding of the variety of religious responses to be found in the modern world. We work as a team and all contribute to the development of the Religious Studies curriculum. This includes organising a wide range of trips both locally and abroad.

The Religious Studies Department is well resourced with three subject rooms, artefacts, textbooks and resources, which we have designed and produced ourselves. The Department will support someone who is willing to contribute to our curriculum development work, has a lively and imaginative approach to the objective delivery of this subject and who is committed to the importance of Religious Studies in the whole school curriculum.