

Religious Education at John Whitgift Academy – Updated Sept 2022

The religious education syllabus at John Whitgift Academy takes into account that religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian, whilst taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions represented in Great Britain such as Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Judaism. Advice and guidance is also received from the local authority and SACRE to support the effective provision of RE and collective worship at John Whitgift Academy.

Students’ study RE as part of the timetabled EPC (Ethics, Philosophy and Citizenship) curriculum and tutor programme:

Year 7 – 3 x EPC half term modules on Christianity, Sikhism and Peace/Conflict in religion plus weekly collective worship during tutor time and assemblies on the 6 main world religions

Year 8 – 3 x EPC half term modules on Islam, Hinduism and Evil/Suffering plus weekly collective worship during tutor time and assemblies on the 6 main world religions

Year 9 – 2 x EPC half term modules on Judaism and Buddhism plus weekly collective worship during tutor time and assemblies on the 6 main world religions

Years 10 and 11 – Weekly collective worship during tutor time and step-up days during the academic year and assemblies on the 6 main world religions

All students attend weekly assemblies throughout the academic year. The assembly programme covers various religious festivals and events from the religious calendar and the 6 main world religions. Examples of these include: Ramadan, Passover, Christmas, Easter, Diwali, Hanukkah, Holi and Eid al-Adha.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Years 10 and 11
Content	3 x half term religious modules as part of the EPC curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity • Sikhism • Is religion a power for peace or conflict? 	3 x half term religious modules as part of the EPC curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islam • Hinduism • Evil and suffering 	2 x half term religious modules as part of the EPC curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judaism • Buddhism 	Termly step-up days
Weekly tutor period	Collective worship	Collective worship	Collective worship	Collective worship
Assemblies	See assembly programme	See assembly programme	See assembly programme	See assembly programme