



## Religious Studies Policy

This policy is prescribed by The Good Shepherd Trust and all reference to 'the Trust' includes all Trust schools, the central team and subsidiary organisations.

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### Revision record

Minor revisions should be recorded here when the policy is amended in light of changes to legislation or to correct errors. Significant changes or at the point of review should be recorded below and approved at the level indicated above.

Revision No.	Date	Revised by	Approved date	Comments
1	01.04.25	A Grimmond	n/a	CCG document control sheet replaced with GST template.

### 1. Policy Statement

Christ's College provides Religious Studies (RS) for all its students as required by law. Christ's College is a Church of England School, with a strong vision that is achieved through its core values. The Surrey Agreed Syllabus for Religious Studies is adapted to the specific needs of our context. Religious Studies plays a key part in the life of the school and is part of the core curriculum, as such it introduces students to Christianity and the other major world religions as well as ethical and moral questions.

The RS curriculum at Christ's College is a five year learning journey that enables students to grow in self-awareness and as religiously articulate global citizens. Throughout our 5 year RS programme students will develop cultural sensitivity, preparing them as cohesive and engaged members of their local and global communities. Students will develop the skills and knowledge needed to negotiate their own lifelong pursuit of spiritual growth and philosophical curiosity.

To achieve this aim, we offer students varied opportunities to:

- Appreciate the distinctive nature of religion and the contribution of religious and spiritual insights and values to the individual's search for meaning in life;
- Develop knowledge and understanding of Christianity and of other world religions;

- Develop interest in and support their own spiritual, moral, social and cultural development;
- Develop the ability to make reasoned and informed responses to religious and moral issues;
- Recognise the influence of beliefs, values and traditions on culture and community life.

## **2. Organisation**

1. All students in Years 7 to 9 have two 80 min lessons per fortnight.
2. All students in Years 10 and 11 have one 80 min lessons per fortnight.
3. At GCSE level, RE is part of the option subjects and students can choose to complete a full GCSE course.
4. Aspects of religious understanding are addressed through other curriculum areas as appropriate to the subject and in Worship.
5. Visiting speakers are welcomed into the department, and trips and visits for students are organised, including retreats. These include a visit each year to see the Wintershall production of 'The Life of Christ' and the yearly Passion Play performed by students from the GCSE Drama class.

## **3. Curriculum:**

To view the RE curriculum by year please go to the following site and got to the RE section:

<https://www.christscollege.surrey.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-content-and-pathways>