

Sir Roger Manwood's School

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics Department

There are two full time members of the Religion, Philosophy and Ethics Department, and one Humanities teacher who delivers KS4 Core RE. The department is mutually supportive, sharing in the responsibility for the progress of all the pupils in its care, especially shared classes at both GCSE and A Level. Our guiding aim as a department is to provide all students with a moral grounding and awareness of the impact religious and cultural beliefs have on individuals and wider societies.

The department is based in two classrooms. Both are equipped with non-interactive white boards and projectors. Core Religious Education is delivered in Key Stage 3 in 2 hours a fortnight and 1 hour a fortnight in Key Stage 4.

Religious Studies secures excellent results and is a popular option at both GCSE and A Level. In Years 10 and 11, students have 5 hour-long periods a fortnight. They follow the AQA Religious Studies A specification, focussing on Christianity and Islam. In Years 12 and 13, students currently have 8 one-hour periods a fortnight but normally have 9 such periods a fortnight. They follow the OCR Religious Studies H573 specification focusing on the Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics, and Developments in Christian Religious Thought.

Current numbers for GCSE Religious Studies are 31 in Year 10 and 56 in Year 11. We have A Level classes of 6 in Year 12 and 8 in Year 13. Many students grow to have a real enthusiasm for the study of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics, and go on to study a related degree.

The RPE department also prioritises extra-curricular activities, trips and competitions, as well as being involved in running several school events - namely Harvest and Remembrance Assemblies, Christmas Carol Service and the Founder's Day Service. Although not a faith school, we uphold the Christian values that we were founded on in 1563 and have a close relationship with St Clement's Church in Sandwich.