

The Religious Education Department

Current Departmental Staffing Structure	Head of English Department: Clair Jamison Second in RE: Catherine Russell PSHE leads: Fiona Everley and Alice Briggs- Kinnaird
Background	The Religious Education Department at St Anne's is a well-established, well-resourced and high-performing team, committed to delivering high-quality Religious Education and making a significant contribution to the wider life of the school. The department currently consists of eight specialist teachers, representing a range of Christian denominations as well as colleagues of no faith, who work collaboratively to secure excellent outcomes for all students.
Curriculum	Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 follow the Bishops' Religious Education Directory, ensuring a coherent and progressive Catholic curriculum. All students study GCSE Religious Studies in years 10 and 11. The department currently follows OCR GCSE Religious Studies, studied from a Catholic perspective, alongside Judaism as the second religion. A Level students study OCR Religious Studies, exploring advanced topics in philosophy, ethics, and theology. Sixth Form students also follow a general Religious Education programme (ARE), engaging with a range of ethical, theological and moral issues. The department is responsible for the delivery of PSHE and RSHE, which is taught within Religious Education lessons as a discrete and assessed curriculum across all year groups. KS3- 6 lessons per fortnight KS4- 6 lessons per fortnight A Level- 9 lessons per fortnight ARE- 2 lessons per fortnight
2025 Results KS4 & KS5	GCSE 9-7: 48% (15% 9 grades) 9-4: 86% A Level A-B: 75% (50% A grades) A-D: 100%

Catholic Schools Inspectorate	In 2024, the department was graded Good by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate, with inspectors noting that <i>“the Religious Education team are securing excellent outcomes in public examinations.”</i> The department’s success is rooted in a strong culture of shared practice, professional dialogue, coaching and mutual support, alongside a willingness to think creatively and innovatively in teaching and learning. The team is regarded as a flagship department within the school.
Facilities	We have access to: • a well-resourced school library • A staff work area • storage spaces for teaching staff and learning resources • five main RE-teaching rooms • good spaces and connections for co-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities • a welcoming staff room • kitchen facilities in the staff room — many of us are keen bakers who like to share our creations!
Resources (including IT)	In addition to whole school provision, the department also has: • a fully resourced curriculum (PowerPoints, worksheets etc.) • access to resources and CPD from online sources and local clergy • subscription to RE Today and Kerboodle • stationery, professional reading and subject-specific books bought for our team • bookable computer rooms and iPads • access to colour and black and white printing • access to visualisers • centrally printed and organised assessment booklets Each classroom in the school has access to equipment and resources, including interactive smart boards, to support our well-developed and engaging curriculum.
Chaplaincy	The department also leads the school’s chaplaincy programme, offering a vibrant and supportive spiritual life. Students benefit from a rich variety of lunchtime clubs and activities, with all new ideas warmly welcomed. The team organises annual reflection days for every year group, runs whole school days of celebration, oversees school Masses and services, provides individual pastoral support to staff and pupils, and fosters a strong and welcoming partnership between the school and parish.