

Combating extremism and radicalism

Within Life Skills lessons pupils have the opportunity to engage in an open and honest debate around extremism which allow pupils and students to recognise the dangers and risks associated with extremism and radicalisation. The lessons incorporate class debates around sensitive issues (both past and present) of extremism within communities. Pupils think about how their attitudes and opinions are influenced. They learn how newspapers can sensationalise facts and also periodically publish incorrect information. Pupils discuss how this can impact on our own attitudes and those of a wider society; they consider the importance of developing their own understanding and finding out the facts, so they can be confident in their own ideas and opinions.

Religious Studies lessons aim, within the context of a caring Christian community, to ensure that equality of opportunity is available to all and commend the positive contribution which religion can make toward respect for others, development of caring attitudes and the fostering of values relating to good and active citizenship. This is done through:

- nurturing and challenging those of faith and no faith
- developing a spirit of tolerance, understanding and respect for other cultures, traditions and faiths
- building a school community based on justice and a sense of personal responsibility, whilst acknowledging the power of healing, reconciliation and forgiveness
- promoting dialogue and co-operation with people of all faiths, and those of no faith, in the local and wider community

These sessions take place in the following units of study:

	Religious Studies	Life Skills
Year 7	Introduction to RE and Islam	Beat the Bullies
Year 8	Prejudice unit – Gandhi, Martin Luther King Forgiveness unit – War and reconciliation	Rights of young people and young people across the globe
Year 9	Judaism unit – Holocaust unit including survivor visit	Parliament and Criminal Justice System
Year 10	Throughout Short and Full courses	Identity
Year 11	Throughout Short and Full courses	Equality
Year 12	RE unit on Christianity	Citizenship Programme of Study
Year 13	Unit on discrimination and Holocaust	Citizenship Programme of Study