

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The requirements of the 1988 Educational Reform Act concerning daily acts of collective worship wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character were examined by a College working party. Since a very small minority of our students are Christian, application was made to SACRE in 1989 - 90, and the College was granted a determination for the next five years. This was renewed in 1995 and again in 2000-2001.

The scheme of work followed by the Religious Education Department is that of the Leicestershire Agreed Syllabus. Detailed content of the course is available, on request. All students follow this course at Key Stage 3 and is very successful. At KS4 Religious Education is offered as a GCSE option. This is very popular and outstanding results are gained. However, if RE is not chosen as an option, we will make the assumption that parents have taken up their right to withdraw their child from Religious Education. If parents are unhappy about this procedure they are welcome to discuss this with the Principal and alternative provision will be investigated.

Information on the parental right to withdraw a child from Religious Education is available from the school.

PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS

There is an approved procedure for dealing with complaints about the school curriculum, including religious education and collective worship. If you have a concern or query you should contact the school so that the matter can be discussed with the Principal and/or a member of staff. It is expected that the majority of questions and anxieties can be dealt with in this way. However, if complaints cannot be resolved then the formal procedures involving Governors and the LEA can be invoked.