

Kings International College for Business & the Arts

Religious Studies Policy

Context

The Education Reform Act states that all students should have an education which includes the promotion of their spiritual, moral and cultural development. To facilitate this, Religious Education has been given “special status” within the National Curriculum, equal to that of foundation and core subjects.

Religious education must conform to the LA agreed syllabus which must:

- a) reflect the fact that the religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian
- b) take account of the teaching and practice of the other principal religions represented in Great Britain

Aims of Religious Studies

In broad terms, the aims of Religious Studies at Kings International College are:

- To enable students to understand the nature of religious beliefs and practices, and the importance of these in the lives of the believer.
- To assist in their own search for meaning and purpose in life by exploring those aspects of human experience which give rise to spiritual awareness and fundamental issues about beliefs and values. Moreover, to stimulate an enquiring attitude and interest in the nature of religion
- To develop an awareness, understanding and respect of other cultures and their significance in shaping the world in which we live.

Role of Religious Studies

It is not the aim of this college to promote any particular cultural or religious standpoint. Emphasis will be placed upon the development of skills, attitudes and concepts which enable students to recognise the particular importance which a culture and belief has for the individual or group, and reflect on its significance or otherwise for their own developing beliefs and values.

Religious Studies also involves the learning of a body of knowledge. This knowledge is about the way people think, believe and behave. Students will be encouraged to think about the significance of personal beliefs and to reflect on their duties as responsible citizens within a multicultural world.

The Right of Withdrawal

Any parents who wish to withdraw their children from Religious Studies are requested to contact the Head of College to discuss their reasons and to arrange alternative provision.