

# Religious Education

At Islwyn High School we teach Religious Education to promote the spiritual, moral and cultural development of all our students.



In RE lessons we offer opportunities for students to study the 6 major world religions in order to:

- Learn to understand different religions, beliefs, values and traditions and understand their influence on individuals, societies, communities and cultures;
- Develop respect, tolerance and sensitivity to others, in particular, those whose faith and beliefs are different from their own;
- Develop their sense of identity and belonging, preparing them for adult life as citizens in a multi-cultural society;
- Challenge students to think for themselves and develop their skills of understanding and reasoning.

## Key stage 3

Year 7 begin by learning what RE is and why it is an important subject to study. They then move on to study worship with a particular focus on Christianity and Hinduism, followed by a topic on religious ceremonies and festivals. Finally, they examine the issue of authority and consider who and what has authority within religion.



Year 8 cover a wide range of topics from Judaism and the Holocaust to various beliefs about the creation of the world. They also study some important moral issues such as animal rights and discrimination.

Year 9 cover a wide range of religious and moral topics. In the autumn term they begin learning about Islam and then move on to the issue of sanctity of life- covering issues such as cloning and war. Finally they take part in the First Give program as a cross curricular project with the Welsh Baccalaureate which helps to prepare them for their studies in Year 10.



