

ASPIRING TO EXCELLENCE: LEADING AN OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT

CODE 7860

ABOUT THIS COURSE

This course will focus on the leadership, vision and management of an RS department in light of the recent Ofsted inspection framework. It will also look at how you can plan and prepare a rich curriculum based on the needs of your students to develop their enthusiasm and attainment in RS at all key stages and encourage take-up at GCSE and A-level. This course will also help you understand current government policies in terms of RS and will support you in the application and interpretation of these in a local context.

PROGRAMME

Excellent leadership and vision in Religious Studies TIME

10.00 – 11.15am

- Qualities and skills of an outstanding Head of Religious Studies
- Self-evaluation and reflection of current status and direction
- What is Ofsted looking for in a successful RS department?
- Tackling issues faced by the RS department

Discussion: coffee break 11.15 – 11.30am

Creating a rich and exciting RS curriculum TIME

11.30 – 12.45pm

- Assessing your current breadth and depth of curriculum coverage
- Locally agreed syllabuses
- Planning and developing an ambitious curriculum
- Cultural capital – the key issues to consider about for a successful RS curriculum

Lunch and informal discussion 12.45 – 1.45pm

Leading the department TIME

1.45 – 2.45pm

- What should/does a Head of Department do?
- Managing and supporting staff, students and parents
- GCSE and A Level needs
- SEF and Ofsted
- Policies and the particular issues of RS as a subject
- Managing change in an RS department – the challenges and opportunities

Discussion: afternoon tea 2.45 – 3.00pm

Leading teaching and learning in Religious Studies TIME

3.00 – 3.45pm

- Strategies for establishing, promoting and maintaining high quality teaching and learning in RS lessons
- Creating an inspiring Key Stage 3
- Using data effectively for effective monitoring and feedback
- Strategies to enhance student performance at GCSE and A Level

LOCATION/DATE

London
Monday 2 December 2019
Monday 16 March 2020

COURSE LEADER

Rachel Long has been teaching Religious Studies across all key stages for 20 years and a Head of Department for 14 years in a very successful school in Cheshire. She has many years' experience in examination marking for two exam boards and is currently an assistant principal examiner and team leader for GCSE and A Level and is an experienced national presenter.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Current Heads of Religious Studies
- Aspiring/newly appointed Heads of Religious Studies
- Teachers with responsibility for Religious Studies
- Teachers looking for personal CPD / teacher progression in Religious Studies

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Insight into how to plan an RS scheme of work for your school based on the locally agreed syllabus
- Gain insight into the latest understating of what is an outstanding Religious Studies department
- Learn how a Head of Department can model outstanding teaching and learning across the department and key stages
- Develop successful tracking and monitoring systems to show progression in teaching and learning