

OUR PEOPLE

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Aspiration



Integrity



Respect

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GCSE



A GCSE in R.E. is so much more than just a qualification; it is an opportunity to learn about our world, our society and the way religion and ethics fit in. In KS4 we study Christianity and Islam, looking at the key beliefs of each religion, their similarities and their differences. We also study arguments for and against God, how religious beliefs can impact medical choices, topics such as war and peace and crime and punishment. R.E GCSE is a fantastic mix of religion, philosophy, sociology, psychology, law and criminology and so offers a good foundation for anyone wishing to study these subjects at college or university.

Half of the world's population are religious and it's fascinating to explore not only this, but the other beliefs in the world that are not influenced by religion. It helps people to understand human nature and it's a subject where you are free to express your own beliefs.



The Duke of



Edinburgh's Award

This year, a record 330,984 young people have started their D of E journey, and we are proud to say that some of our Year 9's are part of that number.

As they work towards their Bronze Award, students will have to complete four sections; Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. Through completing these sections, students will gain valuable experience, contribute to their community and build positive habits that will benefit them for many years to come. The most challenging part of their award will see them test their team-work skills and resilience as they embark on their hiking expedition.





A mission to
encourage
personal
discovery, self-
reliance and
responsibility in
an environment
of social
interaction and
team work.



YEAR 11

GCSE EXAMS

This half-term is possibly the most important half-term of our Year 11's time in education so far as they start to sit the majority of their GCSE exams. So far this year, our Year 11's have impressed us with the way they have approached their mock exams in November and March, their attendance at period seven revision lessons as well as at sessions on Saturdays and in the school holidays and their brilliant conduct during the exams themselves.

The ambition and resilience they have shown throughout this stressful half-term is a credit to them and their parents and carers who support them outside of school. We are incredibly proud of the way they have adapted to changes in their timetables and school day with ease and the work they continue to put into their subjects both inside and outside of the classroom.

The end is in sight and it is nearly time to say goodbye to a year group who we know have worked incredibly hard over the past five years to get to the place they are in now.





Our School Library

This term, we have appointed two new Reading Coordinators to plan and deliver a reading programme bespoke to our students. Reading is a skill that is fundamental, not just to succeeding in education, but to life beyond our academy and it is something we are passionate about at Newhouse.

Our Reading Coordinators also oversee our new school library where students can go during break and lunch to read, play board games or if they just want to find a moment of quiet in their day. We believe that there is a book out there for everyone; all you have to do is find it and so, if there is a book you would like to read but cannot find in our library, simply ask one of our Reading Coordinators who will be able to order it for you.

Looking to get involved? Throughout the rest of the year there will be a number of competitions to enter and a book club starting on a Monday after school where you will have the opportunity to read and discuss books with like-minded students.

Look out for the Reading Matters updates coming next half-term for more information on what goes on in our library and events to get involved in.



NEWHOUSE ACADEMY RECEIVE SCHOOL GAMES GOLD MARK AWARD



We are delighted to announce that we, Newhouse Academy, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:
Competing in all Rochdale school events,
Supporting all students to access competitive sport,
Development of student leaders and
Supporting Heywood primary sports events.

With many of our young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:
All the PE staff and non-PE staff who have helped to develop a comprehensive extra-curricular offer,
Student leaders for giving up their time to support with primary sports events and
All of the Rochdale schools who organise events for students to compete in

We look forward to applying once again in 2025!

