

The Blandford School is committed to providing extensive Personal, Social and Religious education, including physical and mental health education including first aid, drugs and alcohol education, citizenship, careers, sex and relationships and learning about a variety of faiths and beliefs.

In lower years (Year 7 to 9) all students have Religious Education lessons, this includes learning about Christianity, Buddhism, Humanism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Islam. Full details can be seen in our curriculum plans, <https://blandfordschool.org.uk/curriculum-plans-subjects/>.

Students are also withdrawn from other lessons for Sex and relationship and drugs and alcohol education. This includes in:

Year 7 –SRE: Puberty, Self-Esteem and Relationships. Drugs Ed: Risks, Smoking, Drug categories

Year 8 –SRE: Relationships, Pressures and Consent. Drugs Ed: Types of Drugs, alcohol and issues with it

Year 9 –SRE: STIs, LGBT+, Relationships and Communication. Drugs Ed: Drug Categories, addiction, need and drugs

In Year 10 and 11 The Blandford School offers full course GCSE Religious Education (AQA). This is supplemented with drop down days for all students examining ‘big questions’ around faith and belief and a variety of different religious viewpoints.

Specialist teachers also work with each tutor group on a rota basis to deliver Sex and relationships and drugs education. This is included in:

Year 10 –SRE: Contraception, Consent and the Law, Pornography. Drugs Ed: Alcohol, Consequences of alcohol, alcohol and the liver

Year 11 –SRE: STI/Contraception refresher, Consequences of having a baby, Drugs Ed: socially acceptable drinking. Drugs and their effects, risks and consequences.

Throughout their time with us, including in the Sixth Form, all students also take part in a tutorial programme, this is made up of assemblies, afternoon registration sessions, external speakers, tutor periods and special events. These sessions include a range of activities covering: Progression, Careers, health, personal qualities, British values, wellbeing and personal qualities. We are also introducing a series of videos about different faith groups to ensure students have a broad understanding of different beliefs in society. Full details of what is covered in each year can be found in our curriculum plans, <https://blandfordschool.org.uk/curriculum-plans-year-group-character-and-culture/>.