THE LONDON ORATORY SCHOOL
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The mission of the RE Department is to communicate to pupils the vision encapsulated in the opening words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

_God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Saviour. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life._

(Catechism of the Catholic Church; 1)

The Department is well disposed towards this end, having 5 full-time members of staff and one part-time, who teach across all key stages and a timetable which allows for pupils to have three lessons of RE each week. The programme of study followed by our pupils in those lessons reads as follows:

First Form  
‘Faith & Life’ Book 4: Jesus Our Guide

Second Form  
‘Faith & Life’ Book 7: The Life of Grace

Third Form  
‘Faith & Life’ Book 8: Our Life in the Church

Fourth Form  
AQA Religious Studies B

Fifth Form  
AQA Religious Studies B, themes with Judaism

Sixth Form (AS)  
OCR Religious Studies

Sixth Form (A2)  
OCR Religious Studies

Sixth Form (Gen RE)  
LVI Theology of the Body

UVI The Department produces its own resources for this course

More information on each of these curriculum areas can be found via links on the School’s website.

Within RE lessons the Department encourages pupils to make full use of the sacraments of the Church, not least during their daily life in the school. As well as Mass on Friday morning (8.25am in the School Chapel) and regular class masses, boys can go to confession at any time on request or at the set time of Friday lunchtime with the School’s Chaplain, Father George. There are also regular times for the recitation of the Holy Rosary (every Thursday morning) and Benediction (Friday afternoon) of the Blessed Sacrament.

Candidates should be in sympathy with the emphasis the Department places on Holy Scripture, Sacred Tradition and sound Catholic doctrine, and should be willing to share in the organisation and leadership of the Department’s extra-curricular activities e.g. Newman Society, retreats, A-level conferences.