The school has a long and continuous history on its present site. The standard number on roll for 11+ entry is 112 and the school is heavily over-subscribed.

Recruitment for the sixth form is increasing. Many students transfer at 16+ to Camden from other schools. Overall numbers in the sixth form have risen to around 450 students. The Governors have admitted boys since September 1990 and there are presently 143 on roll. There is currently one group studying Religious Studies and one group Studying Philosophy in both Years 12 and 13.

The Theology department currently comprises the Head of Department and three part-time members of staff. There are two specialist RE classrooms in the main building and use of a classroom in 6th Form house.

The Theology department values the educational benefits of trips. This year there have been visits to Bhaktivedata Manor, the London Buddhist Centre and students at KS5 have participated in conferences in London. We would like to build on these trips and make greater use of the religious amenities in Camden.

The approach is inclusive – all students are encouraged to take part in lessons. Currently no students are withdrawn from RE in KS3 and KS4. Teaching is in base rooms and Theology teachers are tutors as far as possible in Theology rooms. There are two desk bases in the staffroom and in addition there is cupboard and office space at the rear of one of the two classrooms.

**Curriculum information**

**KS3**

- We follow the Camden Locally Agreed Syllabus, (see London Borough of Tower Hamlets syllabus) which is multi—faith in approach - there is a thematic approach which is based on skills of enquiry.
- Students are taught in four mixed ability groups. There is a fifth group in Years 8 and 9 to enable greater differentiation.
- Timing: Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 - one single period a week

**KS4**

- All girls follow the Edexcel short course syllabus ‘Religion and Life’ – Christianity and Islam.
- Students achieve well at full course GCSE with significant value added
- Timing: Years 10 & 11 - 1 period per week for short course in sets agreed with Maths Dept.
  2 periods per week for the full course option (currently under review)
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KS5

- Religious Studies has been on offer as an A level subject since 2000 and has been growing in popularity with both girls and boys.
- OCR syllabus – Philosophy of Religion and Ethics are the modules taught. The philosophical content of this paper has proved extremely popular.
- Students are provided with two text books to support their learning. They are encouraged to buy other text books.
- Timing: 7 periods - Year 12
  7 periods - Year 13

- AQA Philosophy is also offered, including a compulsory module ‘reason and experience’ and a variety of other topics. This specification is currently being changed by the exam board.
- 100% exam: 2 papers in Year 12
  2 papers in Year 13