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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
Headteacher: Mrs H J Phillips

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Religious Education and PSHE

Your child is taught Religious Education and PSHE as a combined subject called PDE (Personal Development and Ethics) over both key stages. This includes the statutory elements of RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) at Key Stage 3 and 4. To meet the requirements of the Education Act (1996), the school follows the Agreed Syllabus for Wigan at Key Stage 3, which covers a wide range of topics in all the main world religions. At Key Stage 4, the school also offers an RE GCSE package with the Eduqas examination board as an option. The GCSE covers contemporary and moral issues such as Crime, Drugs and the Media. The aim of RE is to develop a student's awareness of the fundamental questions of human experience and how they can relate to religious teachings and practices.

We expect all students will participate fully to develop their knowledge and skills, but parents have the right to withdraw their child from core RE lessons. This does not apply to PSHE lessons. Should you wish to withdraw your child from RE lessons, you will need to apply in writing to the Headteacher.

Yours sincerely

Mr P McCaffery

Headteacher from September 2004

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