

Spirituality Statement

At The Brian Clarke Academy, spirituality is about **searching for meaning and purpose** so that every student can experience *"life in all its fullness"* (John 10:10).

We explore spirituality through our relationships with:

- **Self** – Understanding who we are and who we are becoming (*life in all its fullness*).
- **Others** – Recognising the value of others and how our words and actions shape our relationships.
- **World** – Paying attention to the wonder of creation and the impact we have on the world.
- **Faith** – Exploring belief in God, meaning, purpose, and a sense of something greater than ourselves.

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'Life in all its fullness'

Exploring Our Relationship With:	
Self	Others
World	Faith

Our approach is rooted in the Christian vision of *"Let your light shine"* (Matthew 5:16) and welcomes students of all faiths and none. We believe that spiritual growth strengthens belonging, character, wellbeing, and the ability to thrive academically and personally.

We support students in their spiritual development by:

- Providing regular moments for reflection and stillness.
- Providing opportunities for spiritual development in collective worship, RS, and the wider curriculum.
- Noticing opportunities for awe and wonder as they arise.
- Providing a prayer room.
- Offering students opportunities to develop their own spiritual leadership, through leading collective worship and other opportunities.
- Providing opportunities across school life to live out Ambition, Excellence, and Community.
- Celebrating key events in the Church calendar.
- Visible pastoral and spiritual support from the Worship Coordinator and pastoral team.
- Embedding values such as forgiveness, equality, justice and unity throughout school life.
- Maintaining links with Oldham Parish Church.

As a staff team:

- We have a shared understanding of spiritual development.
- We use the 'Ricketts Grids' to support our understanding of progression in spiritual development in four areas: Self, Others, World and Faith (inspired by Andrew Rickett / Rebecca Nye).
- We have a culture that recognises the importance of collective worship.
- We value regular times of fellowship together.
- We have developed a liturgy and models to support our approach to collective worship and spirituality.
- We have guidance to support staff who lead worship.
- We are invited to attend collective worship and Friday Fellowship (prayers before the school day).
- We are given time for reflection in meetings.
- We are supported by the Worship Coordinator.
- We have established and protect a culture of belonging where everyone is valued.
- We are supported by the Diocese of Manchester, Oldham Parish Church, Man Dio Growing Faith Deanery Enabler, Manchester Chaplaincy Hub, and Cranmer Education Trust Ethos Hub.