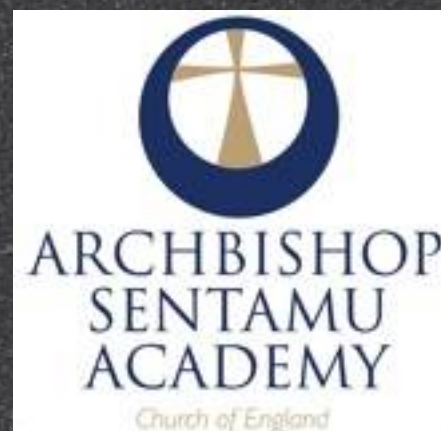


Archbishop Sentamu Academy

Year 8 Young Ambassadors for
Religious Education



Who are we?

- We are a group of Y8 students from Archbishop Sentamu Academy: A Church of England Academy in East Hull.
- Our names are:
- Ryan Chilcott
- Memory Mazhambe
- Liam Townend and
- Leon Edwards



Why are we here?

- We are here to show you the work we have been doing through the Young Ambassadors for RE scheme.
- We want to share with you our thoughts about the value of RE and our experiences of fundraising for the benefit of people in our local community.

What have we been doing?



- We hope to explain to you today what we have been doing since we became Young Ambassadors for RE in February of this year.
- To join the scheme, we had to answer the question: Why is it important to learn about other people's beliefs and values?
- We would now like to share with you our response.

Why is it important to learn about other people's beliefs and values?



- We should learn about other people's beliefs because it's good to understand and relate to what others believe. It's good to get different information from people and find out how they would answer some of life's important questions.
- It will also be useful for the future when we grow up and go into business as then we will know what others believe. This way we won't offend them and it will improve our communication - it would be hard to have a proper conversation with someone if you didn't at least understand where they were coming from; the conversation would just be pointless or one-sided!



Why is it important to learn about other people's beliefs and values?

- We should learn about other people's beliefs and values because if we didn't we would be ignorant. If they were talking about something that was important to them then we may not appreciate what it is like for them. But the most important reason is so that we don't discriminate against them because of their beliefs.
- Like if you went out to a pub with a friend, and you were a Christian or an atheist, and he was a Muslim, and then you drink beer and ask him if he wants one, he might get annoyed, upset or disappointed in you. If you understood in the first place that Muslims don't drink alcohol then this awkward situation would be avoided.

Why is it important to learn about other people's beliefs and values?



- Another reason would be for you to ensure you yourself are doing what is right for you. So, if you learn about Sikh beliefs and then realise that actually you like the ideas about serving others and about reincarnation, then you could decide to change to being a Sikh. You can think about beliefs that are different from yours to experience a different faith, and then find what is right for you.



Why is it important to learn about other people's beliefs and values?

- We mentioned earlier how religion provides answers (or sometimes more questions!) about some of life's 'big questions'. Well, it is important to know what different options are available for people who haven't yet made up their mind on what to believe. For example, one question like this is 'How did we get here?' or 'How was the earth made?'
- If you were unsure, then you could think about how much you believe one of these religious ideas and which one you think you want to believe in.

What else did our chaplain say?

- We interviewed our new chaplain, Anne Richards, to find out her views about her new job and about the value of good RE.
- Here are a couple of short clips of our ten minute interview!



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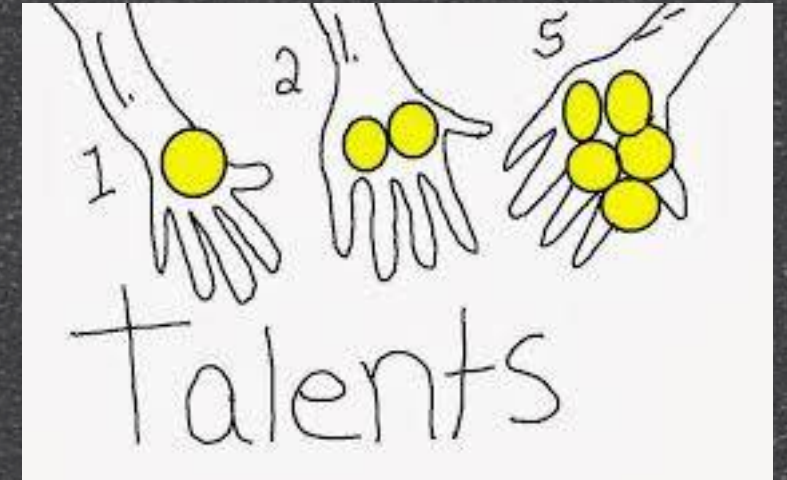


Team Work!



- We have been in contact with Venerable Bede School; A Church of England school in Sunderland. We speak to the Young Ambassadors there and their teacher over Facetime or Skype.
- Their school had Young Ambassadors for RE last year so we know we can ask them for advice if we need it!
- Together, we decided on a project...

Our Project!



- We decided to start a project to raise money for charity. Each school wanted to help their local community, so we agreed that the money we raise will go to local food banks.
- Based on The Parable of The Talents, we were each given £1 and asked to 'make it grow.'
- So we can raise the highest total we possibly can, we are going to continue with this project until the end of the summer term.



Together:



- As a team, we tried to come up with something we could do that wouldn't cost anything but would (hopefully) have a great impact.
- We came up with the idea of a non-uniform day. After discussing our idea with Mr Mulqueen, our Senior Vice Principal, we were told we can go ahead with it on one condition: it has to have a theme.
- So then we discussed what would appeal to a lot of people, Y7 through to 6th form. We came up with an idea then asked some teachers and people in other year groups. It was decided: our theme was 'Film and music stars/characters.'
- To maximise the number involved, we also decided to make it a House competition. This means Heads of Houses are trying to promote this event on our behalf, to get more people involved.
- We don't have any photos as this event will take place tomorrow! We are really looking forward to it.

So far - Liam:





So far:

Leon:



So far:

- 📌 Memory:
- 📌 I have thought about organising a cake sale to raise money.
- 📌 I have also done chores for family.

So far:



Ryan:

PLEASE CAN YOU SUPPORT THE FOOD BANK!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS HAVE SOME FUN AND RAISE LOTS OF MONEY BY DRESSING UP AS ANY FILM CHARACTER OR ARTIST OF YOUR CHOICE!

IT'S ONLY A £1 ALL THE MONEY GOES TO THE FOOD BANK OF HULL WHICH FEEDS THE HOMELESS PEOPLE OUT THERE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

THIS ALSO IS A HOUSE COMPETITION!

LET'S SEE WHO'S GOING TO BE THE BEST DRESSED!

(ARCHBISHOP SENTAMU ACADEMY)

Together



- Some of the money we raise along the way will be used later in the year to make some products to sell at the summer fair.
- We haven't decided yet what we will sell, but as we are a C of E Academy and we are YAs for RE, we were thinking of creating little wooden crosses to sell maybe along with a prayer. We have also considered making ice lollies although we need to look further into this.

So, what next?

- This is just the beginning for us!
- We hope that we will raise a considerable amount for the local food banks, but we don't want this to stop!
- We hope that next year we can continue our work promoting the value of RE in our Academy and the local community, developing links between the new chaplain and the RE Department and raising money for local charities.



What have we learnt?

- We have learnt to work as a team, and accomplish what we have. We also learnt the importance of other people's values and beliefs.
- We have developed our confidence in speaking in front of other people and interviewing people.
- We are developing our business skills as we learn about how best to sell things to raise money.

Thank you for listening!

- Thank you for listening to our presentation and for being interested in our work.
- If you have any questions then please feel free to ask us now and we will try our best to answer them!

