

Dear Parent/Carer

## RS is Golden at RPCC

At RPCC we like to celebrate our diversity and inclusivity of people from all faiths and none. Alongside first class lessons we have also been developing ways to respect each other and take pride in the fact that we are part of such a creative community.

At the beginning of the month RPCC went through the assessment process for the RE Quality Mark. The Quality Mark was started in 2012 by the RE Council of England and Wales to recognise and promote high quality Religious Studies in Primary and Secondary schools. They are a mix of academic and professional associations specialising in religions and religious education. The RE Council also includes representatives from a range of faith communities in the UK, including the British Humanist Association.

The RS department was assessed for our Learning, Teaching, Curriculum and Leadership of RS, not just within the subject, but as part of our whole school outlook. The Assessor spent time talking to teachers, students and Mrs Barnes. We have been told that the school makes a virtue out of our diversity and is very inclusive of people of all faiths and none. **We are proud to announce that we were awarded Gold in all categories!**

RPCC is the **only** Secondary School in Hampshire to achieve this – and one of very few non-faith schools in the country to be recognised for it's outstanding ethos and contribution to Religious Studies. This is a highly prestigious award, which recognises not just the work of the RS department, but the whole school's ethos and celebration of inclusive diversity.

To celebrate this the school has decided that **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July will be a non-uniform day - we would like students to wear something golden to celebrate** – we will also be putting up decorations and providing cakes.

Regents Park is only as good as our whole community, thankfully we are part of a strong, respectful community who recognise that difference is an opportunity to grow.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours faithfully

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