

BSN Statement on the Teaching of Religion

The British School in The Netherlands is a secular school. We recognise that many students 'own' a faith but we do not promote any one faith.

We live in a Christian culture and aspects of that culture, for instance at Christmas time, are reflected in some school activities.

We recognise the significance of religion in many people's lives by celebrating and explaining the meaning of various religious festivals. In the junior schools this occurs mainly during assembly periods. In the senior school the PSHE (personal, social and health education) Year 8 curriculum involves explicit study of world religions. Any teaching about religion takes place to help children develop their understanding and respect for the beliefs of others.

Social, moral, spiritual and cultural education is woven into the school's ethos, character and activities in many ways, for instance in the events organised for charity and in the 'Community, Action, Service' element of the International Baccalaureate. This aspect of the school was highly praised by inspectors on every site at the most recent inspection.

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