



Policy and Protocols for Prayer and Use of the Quiet Room

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1. The Sixth Form College, Solihull is an inclusive secular organisation which acknowledges the needs of students to follow their personal religious practice. As such, we are committed to support religious observation within College in a way that does not disrupt or have a negative impact on students' learning and achievement or the day to day running of the College.
2. The Quiet Room is based in Meriden Building room M102 and is available for students of all faiths and none to use as a space for prayer and quiet reflection.
3. The Study Plus CL is responsible for opening and locking the Quiet Room daily and it will usually be openly available between the hours of 1.00 and 2.00pm. Opening hours of the Quiet Room will be reviewed regularly to ensure it is accessible wherever possible during prayer time for Muslim students.
4. The Study Plus CL, who is based in Meriden, is responsible for ensuring the room is used in an appropriate manner. Named staff who use the facility to pray will also have a responsibility to ensure relevant and appropriate use of the room.
5. Facilities have been adapted in the male and female toilets in Meriden to enable students to wash before prayer. Wudu (ablution) should only be performed in this area and not in other toilets on the campus. Students using the area should be mindful of health and safety and leave the facilities in a clean and tidy manner.
6. The Study Plus CL and named teachers will check the Quiet Room to ensure that all display material is appropriate for the College environment and room use. This will be done when the room is opened and closed each day.
7. Friday prayers for Muslim students are held in the squash courts / H201 (when available) to accommodate a larger number of students. Named staff will supervise the prayer and a visit to the area will be part of the duty manager walkabout.
8. Sermons, prayers and addresses must not undermine the College's equality and diversity culture. Named teacher(s) and/or the Study Plus CL will check any sermons, prayers or addresses in advance to ensure suitability.