

Title: **Young Ambassadors report**

This report relates to the AREIAC supported initiative (2023-5) to develop the skills of primary and secondary pupils at Okehampton College and Okehampton Primary School as Young Ambassadors for Freedom of Religion or Belief

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1. Key points and Summary

1. The South West wing of the Young Ambassadors project involves Ed Pawson working with Y9/10 students from Okehampton College and Y5 pupils from Okehampton Primary School. These schools are both members of the Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust, and one of the reasons for choosing these schools as partners is the Trust's commitment to inclusion and equality.
2. Some of the activities of the secondary contingent so far have included:
 - Making films for the REady for Work Campaign, inspired by Lord Bilimoria, which advocates for the importance of RE in the workplace
 - Campaigning about the need for a suitable prayer room in the school
 - Discussing and submitting questions to be answered by Children's Commissioner Rachel De Souza
 - Visiting places of Religion and Worldviews significance in Exeter, including the Exeter Synagogue and The Quaker Meeting House
 - Working with and inspiring their primary school peers
 - Speaking to a large group of teachers at the recent launch of the new RE agreed syllabus
 - Planning Interfaith Week activities



3. Pupils from the primary school have been enjoying exploring the NATRE Spirited Arts competition and engaging with Muslim Ambassadors of Faith and Belief from schools in Redbridge, London in an online interaction.

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