

## **Year 12 visit Westminster Cathedral & Abbey**

As preparation for learning about Christianity at A level, Year 12 RS class visited Westminster Cathedral, a Catholic Cathedral in the centre of London. They witnessed the Mass in the Cathedral and were fascinated to see the main features of the Cathedral with its many altars. They were then able to take a guided tour of Westminster Abbey which is where the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were married and the Queen had her coronation. Here, students observed the Eucharist service and the Crypt, as well as some parts of the Abbey that the public are not able to visit. For this we are indebted to our guide. The aim was to see how some of the differences between Catholic and Protestant beliefs are demonstrated in the building itself and in the art, people and services in the Church. Our guide told us about the inclusive nature of Westminster Abbey, and that due to its close links to the Royal family and its peculiar status, they often have religious services, readings and services by people of other faiths.

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