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ST BEDE'S INTER-CHURCH SCHOOL

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Dear Madam

I am writing to you today, to inform you of the work and recent success within a small group of students from St Bede's Inter Church School in Cambridge.

The RE Council for England and Wales recently ran a competition for selected schools to have the opportunity to become Religious Education Ambassadors for the United Kingdom. As we attend an Inter-Church school with strong morals and principles, we decided, as keen students, that this competition would be a worthwhile experience and something we should pursue in order to promote Religious Education at a time when it is constantly under threat of losing its identity in an ever changing educational environment.

After many hours of hard but very enjoyable work, we pieced together a presentation / film explaining the title '*Why is it Important to Learn about Others' Beliefs?*' In our short film, we included many reasons as to why we should do this, one being that RE gives us understanding about other people and how their religious beliefs can contribute and positively affect our world.

On the 21st March 2013, we were called into a meeting with the Head of Faculty of RE (Mrs A Pittaway) and our Headteacher (Mr Alistair Day) who then congratulated us on how well we have worked together and on the work we produced. During a moment of silence Mrs Pittaway said "*and congratulations, you've got it!*". I think we were all a little bit shocked and surprised that we had been selected. This is because being chosen to join the other students from all over the UK and let people know why RE is so important to us and should be central to every school, is something we feel passionately about.

We are so thrilled that we have been chosen and provided with such an extraordinary opportunity that could open so many doors for us in the future and most importantly change people's perceptions about the subject RE.

We do all hope to be able to meet and talk about our passion for RE to other people including your Members of Parliament and we felt moved to let you know, as Head of the Church of England, how much we love the subject and how important it is to our lives and education.

Thank you very much for taking your time to read our letter. We look forward to representing your country with such a special topic that is close to many of our hearts!

Yours Sincerely

The Young Ambassadors of the United Kingdom from St Bede's Inter Church School