

KS3 Curriculum Information (Years 7 and 8)

Throughout KS3, Religious Education & Ethics is taught by a member of the Humanities team with students receiving two lessons per fortnight. A wide variety of topics are studied as part of the curriculum with a focus on breadth of study, and an opportunity for pupils to express and justify their own personal beliefs in a safe, supported and structured environment.

Year 7 lessons will focus on topics including:

- What is Religion?
- Religious Rebels.
- Rights, values and responsibilities.
- Do religious people have to care about others?
- Pilgrimage
- Religion: Can it really be true?

In Year 8, students will study:

- Asylum seekers and refugees.
- Equality.
- Is Religion Dangerous?
- Can Israel and Palestine find peace?
- Diversity.
- Remembering and celebrating.

KS4 Curriculum Information (Years 9, 10 and 11)

At Year 9 RS is offered as an option at GCSE with students following the AQA A 1-9 Christianity and Islam paper. This program of study focuses on both Christian and Muslim beliefs and practices within Year 9-10, with students in year 11 looking at the following ethical topics;

- Religion and Life
- Arguments for the existence of God and revelation
- Religion, Crime and Punishment
- Religion, human rights and social justice

KS4 Curriculum Information (Years 9, 10 and 11) continued

Those students who do not want to take RS as a GCSE choice will have one lesson fortnightly focusing on the following topics;

- Crime and Punishment
- Relationships
- Life after Death
- Religion, human rights and social justice
- Religion, peace and conflict

Extended Learning

Students are offered booster revision classes leading up to GCSEs. These can take the form of after school sessions, Saturday school or holiday intervention.

Ways Families can Help Support

All Year 7 students are encouraged to watch the news (Newsround/BBC) including weather forecasts and to engage in discussions about human rights and cultures.