



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Religious Studies

Key Stage 3 Curriculum Milestones

By the end of Year 7 students will be able to:

- Explain both religious and non-religious world views
- Know and understand the core beliefs and practices of the Abrahamic religions (Christianity, Judaism & Islam)
- Identify religious teachings/foundational sources, and interpret and use them in their writing
- Make comparisons and connections between the religious and non-religious worldviews they have studied

By the end of Year 8 students will be able to:

- Know and understand the core beliefs and practices of the Dharmic religions (Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism)
- Recall religious teachings/foundational sources, and interpret and use them in their writing
- Analyse the positive and negative effects of diversity are, know the 9 protected characteristics that build an equal society and evaluate the value that religion places on tolerance and equality.

By the end of Year 9 students will be able to:

- Know and understand different approaches to beliefs about: the afterlife; the origins and solutions to the existence of evil; and Religion and Life
- Know and understand the core beliefs within Christianity
- Apply religious teachings to ethical topics

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Milestones

By the end of Year 11 students will be able to:

- Know and understand the core beliefs within Christianity and Buddhism
- Explain and evaluate Christian and Buddhist beliefs surrounding: crime & punishment; relationships & families
- Apply a wider variety of religious teachings to ethical topics

Key Stage 5 Curriculum Milestones

By the end of Year 13 students will be able to:

- To know and analyse different scholarly methods e.g. a priori v. a posteriori
- Encounter first-hand texts i.e. written by the thinker being studied and interpret, analyse and evaluate them.
- Know and critically analyse aspects from Philosophy, Ethics and Christian thought.
- Write in a critical way that shows breadth and depth of knowledge