

Subject: Religious Education

Curriculum intent:

We intend to equip all students with the ability to think for themselves as they study philosophical, theological and social issues; to be open minded to other points of view; and to identify and challenge misconceptions and prejudice. We aim to encourage students to be critical thinkers and to develop their reading, writing and communication skills in order to debate controversial issues without causing offense to others. We want students to be inspired by Religious Education, motivated to make a positive difference in the lives of those around them.

Religious Education aims to give students confidence to be advocates for those who suffer injustice and discrimination. We want all students to aim high and progress to be the best they can be, whatever their situation or starting point. Academically, this means that students strive to meet their potential by reaching and surpassing their expected grades. Personally, we want them to grow into responsible, respectful and caring individuals who will continue to be hard-working, decent, honest young adults who are well placed to leave the school and make a positive contribution to society.

The KS4 Religious Studies (RS) curriculum builds upon some of the knowledge introduced in KS3 Religious Education (RE) These are units on the life of Jesus; the growth of Christianity and its key beliefs and practices; Islamic key practices and beliefs and Religion, Life & Ethics (Year 9). At GCSE, we are able to explore these in greater depth as students have a foundational understanding from what is taught in Key Stage 3. Likewise, skills developed at KS3 will be used to examine these beliefs, practices, and the application of teachings to a given theme will be refined in order to prepare students for examination.

KS3

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Religion & its influence on our thinking. Who am I? Introduction to Judaism	Who was Jesus? Christian beliefs	Christian Practices Christianity in the living world
Year 8	Belief in God and Sikhism	Islamic Beliefs Islamic Practices	Buddhism -The pursuit of happiness Attitudes to others
Year 9	Abortion Euthanasia & IVF	Attitudes to the created world Death & the afterlife	Crime & punishment

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Year 10	Christian Beliefs and Practices	Relationships Religion and Life	Crime and Punishment
Year 11	Islamic Beliefs and Practices	Human Rights	Revision and exam practice

