



KS3 Curriculum Overview - Religious Studies

Your child will develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of belief, values, purpose and truth. They will develop their own attitude towards religious issues during each half term. Students will also enhance their analytical and critical thinking skills and the ability to work with abstract ideas.

Term	Year 9
Autumn	<p>The Problem of Evil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins of evil and suffering • War; poverty; social injustice and exploitation • Should a loving God allow suffering? <p>How can we make our community a more respectful place?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prejudice and discrimination (Islamophobia) • What to do when laws against discrimination fail (BLM) • Case Study on Judaism: beliefs, practices and experience of discrimination • How can we ensure that our community is more respectful?
Spring	<p>What was radical about Jesus?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The context of Jesus' life and teaching • Radical teachings on women, money, race, disability and illness. • To what extent should Christians copy Jesus' example? <p>Good, bad, right, wrong - how do I decide?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morality and influence • Religious and non-religious moral decision making systems • Ethics and modern times - AI/Technology
Summer	<p>Title: How and why do the Buddha's teachings have meaning for people today?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was the Buddha? • Teachings on suffering: Four Noble Truths and Eightfold Path • Engaged Buddhism

Through the study of Religious Studies your child will be expected to develop the following knowledge, skills and understanding:

Concepts	Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived religion in our area and in different parts of the world • Moral and ethical dilemmas, and ways of solving them • Philosophical Questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis • Evaluation • Critical Thinking • Reasoning (verbal and written)

Parents can support their child by encouraging them to be informed of current affairs in the world, discussing the types of questions we look at in lessons at home, and supporting them in completing homework assignments.