



KS3 Curriculum Overview - Religious Studies

Your child will develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of belief, morals, purpose, and ethics. They will develop their own attitude towards religious and philosophical 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	Themes Through Christianity • Human Rights • Social Justice • Discrimination and Protected Characteristics (Race, Religion, Gender and Sexuality) • Exploitation • Abortion • Euthanasia • The Death Penalty • Death and the Afterlife
Spring	Judaism: The Foundations • What is Judaism? • Different Branches of Judaism • Why Did the Holocaust Happen? • Ethical Discussions: Bystanding, Moral Culpability and Where Was God? Christianity: The Foundations • What is Christianity? • How Did the Bible Get Here? • Why Was Jesus' Life So Important? • Is Jesus a Role Model for Today?
Summer	Buddhism • What is Buddhism? • Why is Siddhartha Gautama Important? • Sources of Authority in Buddhism • Key Teachings: Three Marks of Existence and the Four Noble Truths

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

Concepts	Skills
• Lived religion in our area and in different parts of the world • Moral and ethical dilemmas, and ways of solving them • Philosophical Questions	• Analysis • Evaluation • Critical Thinking • Reasoning (verbal and written) • Self-reflection

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.