



## Religious Studies

The department seeks to encourage the pupils to adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to religion. Pupils will be taught to explore religions and beliefs and reflect upon fundamental questions, engaging with them intellectually.

The aim is to captivate learners with a coherent and engaging programme of study and to encourage them to progress to further study at A level and Higher Education.

Religious Studies encourages learners to develop knowledge, understanding and skills to engage in debate and discussion about life in a modern pluralistic society. This includes developing an understanding of non-religious beliefs.

Learners will be encouraged to develop and understand personal values and beliefs, with an emphasis on critical analysis and the ability to construct balanced and informed arguments within the context of religious, philosophical and ethical awareness.

This enables pupils to enhance their spiritual and moral development. It is hoped that whilst studying this subject, pupils will gain understanding and tolerance towards different cultures locally, nationally and in the wider world and to contribute to social and community cohesion.

Pupils will be encouraged to develop an interest in and enthusiasm for the study of religion and to reflect upon their own values, opinions and attitudes in light of their learning.

### Year 7 – Learning about Religion

- How can we experience religion?
- How do we see religion?
- Understanding world religions

### Year 8 – Learning about Belief - Philosophy

- Does God exist?
- Who am I?
- Why do we suffer?
- Where's the Answer?
- Life after death

### Year 9 – Learning from Religion

- Peaceful Protest
- The Holocaust and Genocide
- The State of Israel
- Christian Interpretations



## Key Stage 4

Pupils study OCR Religious Studies, Full Course

### **Component 1:** Beliefs and teachings & Practices

- Judaism
- Christianity

**Component 2:** Religion, philosophy and ethics in the modern world from a religious perspective.

#### **This covers four themes:**

- Relationships and families
- The existence of God, gods and the ultimate reality
- Religion, peace and conflict
- Dialogue between religious and non-religious beliefs and attitude