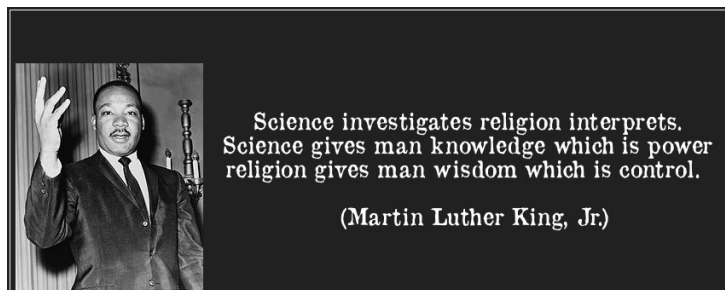


Religious Studies Curriculum page



Religious Studies is the study of different religious beliefs alongside the study of ethics, morals and philosophy. Having an understanding of religion is important to everyone, whether they are religious or not, as it promotes better understand of the world and the beliefs of the people around us. Religious studies allows us to investigate different beliefs about key issues in society such as why we suffer, how should we treat the planet and issues such as the death penalty and euthanasia. It is a subject that develops students' skills in analysis, communication, interpretation and empathy.

Our KS3 curriculum

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 9	Ethics	Philosophy	The Problem of Evil and Suffering	Matters of Life and Death	Comparative Religion	Religious History

Our KS4 curriculum

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Christianity – Beliefs	Christianity – Beliefs and Religion, Peace and Conflict	Religion, Crime and Punishment and Christianity – Practices	Christianity – Practices	Religion and Life	Relationships and Families
Year 11	Either Buddhism OR Islam - Beliefs.	Either Buddhism OR Islam - Beliefs. Either Buddhism OR Islam - Practices	Either Buddhism OR Islam - Practices	Revision	Revision	Exam

Recommended wider activities/reading/viewing:

- **Watch ‘The Story of God’ with Morgan Freeman online (Netflix, Amazon Prime or Youtube)**
- **Visit local places of worship**
- **Get involved in the local community**
- **Read books with a religious, philosophical or moral theme (approved by parents/carers where there are adult themes) such as ‘The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas’ by Jon Boyne, Angels and Demons by Dan Brown, ‘Theo’s Odyssey’ by Catherine Clement, ‘The Alchemist’ by Paulo Coelho, ‘Sparrow’ and ‘Children of God’ by Mary Doria Russell, ‘Sophie’s World’ by Jostein Gardner, ‘The Poisonwood Bible’ by Barbara Kingsolver, ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’ by C.S. Lewis, ‘Life of Pi’ by Yann Martel, ‘His Dark Materials’ by Philip Pullman, ‘The Time Machine’ by H.G. Wells and ‘The Book Thief’ by Markus Zusak.**

Exam specification:

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