

Religious Education

Pupils are encouraged to learn about and develop their own beliefs and learn about the beliefs and practices of others, whilst learning to respect those who hold beliefs different to their own.

The programme of religion education provides an appropriate balance between and within Christianity, other principal religions, and, where appropriate other religious traditions and worldviews, across the key stages as a whole, making appropriate links with other parts of the curriculum and its cross-curricular dimensions.

Our programme encourages pupils to explore a range of philosophical, theological, ethical, and spiritual questions in a reflective, analytical, balanced way that stimulates questioning and debate. It also focuses on understanding the positive aspects of multi-faith/multicultural understanding and pupils' own understanding and responses to life and religion.

For pupils to be able to understand our constantly changing world they need to be able to interpret religious issues & evaluate their significance. RE gives students valuable insights into the diverse beliefs & opinions held by people today. It helps with their own personal development & supports an understanding of the spiritual, moral, social & cultural questions that surface again and again in their lives. In tackling difficult questions, it provides pupils with insight that can work to challenge stereotypes, promote cohesion, and tackle extremism. RE does important work encouraging young people to value themselves & the communities within which they live.

The curriculum is covered through a range of avenues the PSHE Programme, School Assemblies, Enrichment dropdown days and subject specific SMSC content. Its differentiated within topics in order to match the pace and challenge with the needs of the students. Below are some examples of key themes their learning journey will cover:

KS4

What is overt and covert racism and why are people still prejudiced?
Why do some religious people become terrorists?
What is community cohesion and why is this important?
What is multiculturalism?

Examples of Religious Celebrations through the PSHE Programme and Assemblies

Navaratri
Yom Kippur
Hanukkah begins
World Religion Day
Orthodox Christmas Day
Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)
Fast of Nineveh Jonah and the Whale/Jonah's Fast

