

Curriculum Overview

Subject:
Year Group: 8

It is our aim to develop the necessary skills within our students to respond to life's questions based on their knowledge and understanding of the great world religions, the contributions they make to society's codes and the values they hold.

Students will develop understanding of a multi faith and secular society through types of worship, festivals and celebrations in term 1. They will begin to look more deeply into the Christian religion. In term 2 they will continue a study of Christianity focusing on the life of Jesus. They will address the use of religion in film as well as looking at beliefs about the origin of life, the soul and afterlife. Term 3 will focus on religion and secular society's views surrounding issues of justice, rights and punishment. They will begin to develop a greater knowledge and understanding of humanism as well as developing A01 and A02 writing techniques. We continue to encourage students to share their opinions and thoughts, whilst ensuring that other views and beliefs are treated both within the whole school community as well as the wider multicultural community.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS Specialist key vocabulary Sacred texts Worship Festivals/celebrations Introduction to Christianity Developing extended writing techniques	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS Specialist key vocabulary Life of Jesus Religion in film Religion and young people Where did life come from? The soul Reincarnation and afterlife	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS Specialist key vocabulary Human rights Religious rights Justice Punishment Humanism
KEY ASSESSMENTS Half term 1: Worship and festivals Half term 2: Use of key vocabulary and extended writing tasks during lessons	KEY ASSESSMENTS Half term 1: Jesus Half term 2: Reincarnation and afterlife	KEY ASSESSMENTS Half term 1: Extended writing tasks during lessons Half term 2: Humanism

Extended reading suggestions and external resources: