

Key Stage 3 Religious Education

At Key Stage 3, the R.E. Department operates a programme of study in which pupils study a range of the major world religions. During the course, pupils explore Ultimate questions that address some of the fundamental questions of life and consider how religious symbolism is used to express the nature of beliefs and values that influence religious worship. Pupils are expected to think about what it means to have a religious faith and be able to converse with others openly and with empathy; therefore developing a comprehensive and interested attitude about and towards religious belief.

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Key Stage 4

The syllabus, in its entirety, aims to give pupils a common framework for exploring and understanding religions and religious belief, and for making connections between them. Pupils are encouraged to explore the patterns of beliefs and values & behaviour, in order that they might gain a deeper awareness of the religious beliefs and experience of a person of faith. Throughout Key Stage 4, pupils will follow a two-year rolling programme of study covering a variety of topics relating to different world religions, but with strong emphasis on contemporary moral and ethical questions. Topics include: 'values', 'beliefs & decision-making', 'the environment; 'crime & punishment', 'peace & conflict', 'creed', and 'inspiration'.

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