

The RE curriculum Key stage 3

Pupils explore a wide variety of themes from religions including Islam, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism.

Themes include, 'Who is God and what is God like?' and 'How do people make moral decisions?'

Classes and sets

- All pupils are placed in a set from A – E based on their KS2 results
- A has 30 pupils, B has 28 pupils, C has 25 pupils, D has 22 pupils and E has 15 pupils.
- Set D and E will have an extra two teachers for support
- The sets are fluid and pupils move every half term based on their post-assessment result
- All pupils study the same content, the pace is different so that pupils can be stretched or supported and feel confident in their class

GCSE

- Start in Year 9
- Sit the AQA RE GCSE
- All pupils sit the exam Year 11
- There are 3 papers:
 - Themes in Religion, Crime and punishment, Life, War and Peace and Relationships.
 - Christianity
 - Judaism

Homework

Key stage 3 policy - pupils learn around 5 facts from the knowledge every week. Rationale- Pupil learn and revise the content as they go along so they do really well in the post - assessment Students have written work or 'Make A difference' work twice a term which is practicing extended writing. **Key stage 4 policy** – pupils learn about 10 pieces of knowledge from the weeks lesson which they are quizzed once a week.

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The Knowledge

- These are on the OASB website and a tool for revision
- All pupils will have Knowledge packs for independent study
- Parents are strongly encouraged to test their children on the facts on the Knowledge every day
- Homework is done using the RE knowledge.

Support

- Every lesson pupils complete a quiz that highlights what they have learnt from the lesson previously in the do now.
- The next lesson the teacher can work with those who have not understood elements of the lesson.
- GCSE results for the department have been outstanding.

Learning ladders

Learning ladders have examples of work for pupils to use as a resource and many questions to practice applying the knowledge. The learning ladders can be used as a tool for students to work independently.