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Religious Studies

What will pupils gain from this subject?

A wider understanding of different world religions, cultures and beliefs.

The Content of Key Stages

Key Stage 3

In Year 7 we begin by looking at stereotypes. We then focus on 5 religious teenagers, studying the things they may experience in their lives from birthing ceremonies, becoming an adult to where and how they may worship. We finish off Year 8 by looking at prejudice and discrimination through the Holocaust.

Key Stage 4 (GCSE)

All students are given the opportunity to achieve a qualification taught from Year 9. The majority sit a short course exam from which they can achieve a grade from A* - G. This exam tests 4 topics – Relationships, Is it fair, Looking for meaning in our world. Some students are given the chance to take this up to full GCSE. This is completed through 1 further exam looking at war, medical ethics, religious expression and religion and the state.

Key Stage 5 (AS/A level)

The students currently sit 2 modules at AS level – an introduction to the philosophy of Religion and an introduction to Religion and Ethics. In philosophy we investigate the question can we prove the existence of God, through topics such as Evil and Suffering and Mysticism. In ethics we look at 3 ethical theories and how they can be applied to sexual ethics. Students sit one exam each.

At A2 Level we take all ethical studies further - studying 2 ethical theories through medical ethics and war conflict. Finally the students investigate religious teachings on life and life after death. They sit 2 exams in A2.