



Religious Education



Key Stage 3

The Faculty has devised an in-house scheme based on The Way, The Truth and The Life Project, along with a study of one Major World Religion in each year as follows:

Year 7

The Word of God, God's Call, The Sacraments, Leadership in the Church, The Church, and The study of Sikhism

Year 8

The Creation and Stewardship, Covenant, Exploring the Mass, The Paschal Mystery, The Prophetic Role of the Church, and the Study of Hinduism

Year 9

Vocation, The spiritual Quest and the Study of Islam, Conscience, Jesus in the Gospel of Mark, followed by an early introduction to GCSE

Key Stage 4

For GCSE the Faculty follows the Edexcel specification incorporating Unit 3 and Unit 8, each of which forms 50% of the full course

Unit 3

Covers topics in Philosophy and Ethics from a Roman Catholic Perspective, as follows:

- Believing in God
- Matters of Life and Death
- Marriage and Family
- Religion and Community Cohesion

Unit 8

Covers Religion and society from a Christian and at least one other Religion as follows:

- Rights and Responsibilities
- Environmental and Medical Issues
- Peace and Conflict
- Crime and Punishment

Key Stage 5

There are 4 routes of provision in Religious Studies at KS5

1. Optional Route

Students can elect Religious studies as an option and study it as a full A Level (these will follow the AQA Specification, comprising of 4 units, each weighted at 25% of the full A Level. The units are as follows:

Ethics 1, New Testament 1, St John's Gospel and Life Death and Beyond

2. Core Religious Studies (AS)

There is a requirement for Core Religious Education for all 6th Form students. Very able students are offered Philosophy and Ethics Advanced Subsidiary units to study over two years.

3. Core Religious Education (A2)

As part of their Core Religious Education, students **may** choose to extend their provision to A2. The Full A2 course comprises of 4 Units namely: Philosophy and Ethics Paper (Foundations), Applied Ethics Paper (Investigations), Philosophy and Ethics Paper (Developments) and Study of Three Philosophy Original works (Implications). As of 2014/15, this specification will be replaced with AQA.

4. Core Religious Education (NOCN)

The majority of students follow a non-examination course of study where they investigate religious, ethical and philosophical themes, some of which are covered in the above AS and A2 courses. This provision runs for one year.

For further information, please contact Mr P Katumba, Curriculum Leader for Religious Education