



# RELIGIOUS STUDIES CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

## Key Stage 3

### Transition Stage

Year 7 students are introduced to the theological underpinnings of the six major world religions as well as non-religious worldviews such as humanism.

### Foundation Stage

At the Foundation Stage students focus on thematic studies of issues such as life after death and the problem of evil. They also delve more deeply into Judaism, Sikhism, Buddhism and other minor religions.

## Key Stage 4

### Examination Stage

The GCSE is focused on Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Humanism.

Topics are a mix of systematic study of these particular religions as well as thematic investigation of views on topics including euthanasia, war, environment, human rights and abortion.

## Key Stage 5

### Advanced Stage

The Philosophy & Ethics A Level course is divided into 3 topics: Philosophy of religion, Ethics and New Testament studies.

Students develop their skills in analysing philosophical arguments, writing essays and arguing logically