

## Religious Studies Curriculum Information

### Year 6

Pupils in Year 6 are introduced to the study of a variety of religious, philosophy and ethical issues through various topics such as “What’s so special about marriage?” Pupils are encouraged to express their ideas and bring their personal beliefs and experiences to their learning.

### Year 7

In Year 7 pupils start by reflecting on their own beliefs in their first topic “My Life in Pieces”. They will consider both what is important to them personally and why certain things may be important to others. A variety of religious and secular beliefs will be covered. Pupils will also study philosophical questions and consider how Jesus and his followers may still inspire people today.

### Year 8

In Year 8 pupils explore issues that concern us in the world and consider “truths” and myths from Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism and popular culture. They consider the ideas of respect and cohesion, particularly in the context of Leicester and examine how Christians and Buddhists express the spiritual part of their community through the creative arts.

### Year 9

Pupils in Year 9 are introduced to the classical arguments for the existence of God and begin to study classical ideas in evil and goodness in preparation for their GCSE topics. They consider different forms of guidance and recap on key beliefs from the six main religions in order to complete their final topic, “Religion, Wealth and Poverty”, which contributes to the first ethics unit in their GCSE

### Year 10- 11 Full Course RS Philosophy and Applied Ethics

This course, which is taken over two years, will lead to a full GCSE award by the end of Year 11, with the Short Course being completed by the end of Year 10. It incorporates a study of a number of modern day personal, social and ethical issues examined from a religious perspective in addition to Philosophical concepts. The Applied Ethics topics include religious responses to medical ethics, human relationships, poverty and the use of money and equality. Philosophy topics include Belief about Deity, Religion and Science, Death and the Afterlife and Good and Evil.



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## **A Level Philosophy and Ethics**

Philosophy and Ethics AS and A2 are offered.

Units are Philosophy of Religion and Applied Religious Ethics. At AS this includes an introduction to the philosophies of Plato and Aristotle leading to the study of classical themes and the arguments for the existence of God. Students then examine ethical theories such as Natural Law, and then apply these to contemporary topics such as Abortion, Euthanasia and War and Peace.

At A2 students consider the ambiguities of religious language and religious experience. They consider ideas about life after death and the soul and evaluate the truth claims of religions. The remainder of the course considers the language of Ethics, Free Will and Determinism, and Conscience and then applies these to Environmental, Business and Sexual Ethics.

