

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Pupil year: **Upper 4 (Yr 9)**

Head of Department: **Miss K Gwynne**

Subject Topic

Ultimate Questions

(One term)

Religions focus: Christianity and Islam

- Exploring life's "Big questions": Is there a God?, Why do we suffer?, What happens when we die?
- Religious and secular responses to these questions.

Exploring Judaism

(One term)

Religions focus: Judaism

- Exploring some of the key beliefs and practices of Judaism.
- Investigating the impact of the Twentieth Century Holocaust/ Shoah on Jewish life and thought.

Religion, Identity And Diversity

(One term)

Religions focus: Various

- Investigating the status and role of religion and secular groups and worldviews in modern British society.
- Community cohesion; relationships between faith communities.
- Critical exploration of the portrayal of contemporary religion in the media.

Skills / Attitudes

- Ability to investigate and explain differing impacts of religious beliefs on individuals, communities and societies.
- Development of critical thinking, interpretation, evaluation and communication skills.
- Moral awareness, self-knowledge, respect for others, open-mindedness, empathy, global awareness.