

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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

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

- Understanding the background to the UK as a multi-faith society; prejudice, religious conflict and tolerance
- Community cohesion; relationships between faith communities
- Critical exploration of current religious controversies and their portrayal in the media

Head of Department: **Miss K Gwynne**

Skills / Attitudes

- Ability to investigate and explain differing influences 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