

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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

Head of Department: **Miss K Gwynne**

Subject / Topic

Skills / Attitudes

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.

- 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.