

Religious Studies



Our aim for **Religious Studies** at Swanshurst School is to provide all pupils with a platform from which to develop their understanding of the faith communities found in Birmingham, in the UK and around the world and.

This provides an opportunity to discuss, formulate and articulate their own beliefs and views on a variety of issues in a respectful and broadminded environment.

We believe we are preparing pupils with knowledge and equipping them with the skills required to live in the multi faith society that is 21st Century Britain.

Key Stage 3

Year 7

Let's Create!

Gaining knowledge and understanding of Eid Ul Adha, Diwali and Hannukah.

Follow My Leader

Gaining knowledge and understanding of the experiences and teachings of the following founders/leaders- Moses, Muhammad, Guru Nanak and Buddha.

Christianity

Jesus, his parable and miracles, the final week of his life, and his importance to Christians today.

The Long and Winding Road

Why religious people go on pilgrimage, why they visit certain sites, what they do when they are there and how this impact on their lives.

Year 8

Is There Anybody Out There

Looking at the key beliefs regarding God in Islam, Sikhism and Christianity. Considering why people do not believe in God and how people make moral decisions focusing on Humanism.

Good and Evil

Focusing on Judaism.

Religious Rebels

Studying faith in action via the life of Martin Luther King.

Key Stage 4

AQA Specification A: 8062

GCSE: Assessed via 2 x1 hour 45 minute examinations

Year 9

Christian Practices
Muslim Practices
Relationships and the Family
Human Sexuality

Year 10

Christianity Beliefs and Teachings
Islam Beliefs and Teachings
Religion Crime and Punishment
Religion and Life

Year 11

Religion and Life (*continued from Year10*)
Religion Peace and Conflict

Key Stage 5

Edexcel: Code 9RSO

A Level Religious Studies Paper 1, 2 and 4D.

Assessed via 3 x 2 hour examinations

The order the units are taught in changes each year.

Year 12

Ethics
Philosophy Issues and Questions
Philosophy - Problems of Evil and Suffering
Philosophy - The Nature & Influence of Religious Experience
Philosophy Religious Language
Islam- Religious beliefs, values and teachings
Islam- Sources of wisdom and authority
Practices that shape and express religious identity

Year 13

Ethics Ethical Language
Ethics Deontological and Virtue Ethics
Ethics Medical ethics: beginning and end of life issues
Philosophy Work of Scholars
Philosophy Influences of developments in religious belief
Life After death and religion and Science
Islam - Practices that shape and express religious identity
Islam - Works of scholars
Islam - Religion and society