

# CURRICULUM INFORMATION



## Religious Studies

Studying Religious Studies (RS) at Padgate Academy allows students to develop their sense of identity and to explore their place in the community and the wider world. Students will develop a sound knowledge of the six main world religions and recognise the importance of tolerance and understanding in our multicultural society.

Whilst studying RS students will develop their debating and writing skills and the ability to present a coherent two sided argument, expressing their views but also displaying an understanding and respect for the views of others. The RS curriculum at Padgate Academy allows a broad range of topics to be studied to provide an excellent, varied and stimulating learning experience.

### Years 7 – 9 – Key Stage 3

| Year 7             | Year 8            | Year 9             |
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| Founders & leaders | Buddhism          | Life after death   |
| Places of worship  | Holy books        | Moral Issues       |
| Islam              | Slavery & freedom | Keep the faith     |
| Festivals          | Spirited Arts     | Relationships      |
| Hinduism           | Poverty           | Spirited Arts      |
| Spirited Arts      | Sikhism           | Ultimate Questions |

Assessment details - Students will be assessed each half term in a variety of formats including; creative work, essay writing and debate and discussion.

### Years 10 – 11 (Key Stage 4)

Students in Key Stage 4 will study the 'EDUQAS' - GCSE in Religious Studies (Route A).

| Year 10                      | Year 11                                       |
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| Jewish Chronicles            | Philosophy & Ethics (Issues of relationships) |
| Jewish beliefs and practices | Philosophy & Ethics (Issues of relationships) |
| Christian beliefs            | Philosophy & Ethics (Issues of good and evil) |

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| Christian practices                            | Philosophy & Ethics (Issues of good and evil) |
| Philosophy & Ethics (Issues of life and death) | Philosophy & Ethics (Issues of human rights)  |
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Assessment details - Assessment details – Students will be assessed throughout their GCSE course through examination style questions, end of unit examinations and full examination papers. This will include two sets of mock exams, one in Year 10 and one in Year 11.

Their formal GCSE examination at the end of the course has three papers:-

- 1: Christianity – 1 hour (25%)
- 2: Judaism – 1 hour (25%)
- 3: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World – 2 hours (50%).

### **How to support your child in Religious Studies**

Suggested ways to support your child include; encouraging them to keep up to date with current affairs e.g. RS related issues in the news - prejudice and discrimination, religious intolerance and conflict and positive examples of religion (aid work, charity etc.).

Promote an enjoyment of reading, especially background reading around the topics noted in the Year 7-11 curriculum overview above.

You can also test them on their key words (at Key Stage 3 this will make up part of their homework each half term) and religious quotes and encourage discussion of the topics detailed in the Year 7-11 curriculum overview above.