

Overview of Year 8 Religious Education Curriculum

In year 8 pupils build upon the good work undertaken in year 7.

In term one pupils study the chief beliefs and practices of the religions of Hinduism and Islam. In term two pupils study the idea of pilgrimage and how this is an important concept in many religions. Term three involves the pupils studying the effects of anti-semitism with particular reference to the Holocaust.

Homework

As pupils only study Religious Education for one period per week, written homework will only be given every other week. This will enable staff to mark and grade the work productively.

Homework supports the work undertaken in the classroom and so it is important that it is finished to a satisfactory standard. Pupils will be encouraged to develop their research skills and use I.C.T.

Examinations/Key assessments

All pupils will have a formal examination towards the end of the academic year. Work done in both class and at home will be assessed, levelled and graded at regular periods. During the year pupils will complete two "Assessment For Learning" tasks in which they will be given specific advice and examples of what they will need to do in order to achieve a particular level.

How Parents can help

Please take an active interest in the themes being studied in Religious Education. If possible take time to discuss any homework that has been set and help if necessary. Pupils should be encouraged to use the internet to investigate topics, however they should understand that work that has simply been downloaded will not be acceptable. Pupils will be given web site addresses for the relevant topic being studied, these will include www.theresite.com