

Subject: Religious Studies

Year Group: 9

Term One

Crime and Punishment

As they begin the RS GCSE, pupils will look at issues such as the causes of crime, the purpose of laws and theories of punishment. They will learn about secular, Christian and Muslim attitudes to capital punishment, community service, corporal punishment and forgiveness.

Relationships and Families

Pupils will look at non-religious, Christian and Muslim attitudes towards a variety of issues relating to sex, relationships and the family. They will explore views about homosexuality, marriage, divorce, the purpose of family and the roles of men and women.

Term Two

Religion and Life

Beginning with secular and religious ideas about how the world was made and who human life came to exist, pupils will discuss and debate a number of issues relating to life. They will look at animal testing, vegetarianism, abortion and euthanasia, considering arguments for and against these with reference to society, religion and philosophy.

Term Three

The Existence of God

Pupils will be introduced to a variety of philosophical and theological arguments for the existence of God and will have the chance to evaluate and interrogate these. We will ask whether miracles, visions or nature can prove God's existence and consider the value of revelation and scripture as sources of knowledge about God.

