

GCSE Religious Education



Course Content:

GCSE RE is taken by all pupils in Years 10 and 11. Pupils study a range of topics in both years. Year 10 focus mainly on themes related to the Christian faith and Catholicism, topics covered will be the beliefs, teachings, practices, sources of wisdom and authority, forms of expression and ways of life. Year 11 will focus on Judaism beliefs teachings and practices as well as looking at arguments for and against the existence of God and Religious teachings on relationships and families in the 21st Century.

Skills needed and developed:

In GCSE RE pupils must demonstrate the three main skills of knowledge, understanding and evaluation.

Investigate ultimate questions such as “why does evil exist” or “what is the purpose of life”

Study topics that explain diversity of life and religion in the modern world.

Improve philosophical thinking skills and ability to think outside of the box.

Understand ethical and religious issues such as medical issues and fundamentalism.

Develop communication skills and learn to clearly express your views and increase self-confidence.

Pupils who show they are knowledgeable and can then apply this knowledge to the questions they are asked are likely to achieve the highest grade skills needed and developed.

Assessment Methods:

In RE at St. Antony’s we follow the Eduqas GCSE RE course which is assessed in terms of three exams. Two of the exams are of 90 minutes duration and a third exam, on Judaism, is 60 minutes long.

There is no coursework in RE.

Qualification gained at completion of the course:

GCSE in Religious Education – grade 9-1

Possible Pathways and Careers:

RE provides a solid grounding in vocational work such as religious vocations, teaching, public services, social work and journalism. It will complement other subjects at GCSE and A-level, such as Art, English, History, Philosophy, Psychology and Science. Top universities make it clear that RE provides a suitable preparation for university.