

RE Department Curriculum Overview



List of Teachers:

Mrs K McLernon (HoD)
Miss D Rainey
Mrs D Willighan
Miss K Smyth
Mr H Doone
Mrs J Lynch
Miss T McAfee

KS3- Year 8-10 receive 2 lesson/week

Year 8: Topics- The Bible; Baptism; Choices & Morality; Christmas; Life & Ministry of Jesus including background to Palestine; Lent; Reconciliation; Easter & the Eucharist.

Year 9: Topics- Creation; The Environment; Covenant; Morality; Christmas; Conflict & Division; Lent; Ecumenism; Luke's Gospel; Easter; Judaism

Year 10: Topics- Myself & What I want to become; Human Dignity; Friendship & awareness of God; Christmas; Attitude of Jesus; Prejudice & Discrimination; Lent; Justice; Islam; Easter; St Paul & C.S. Lewis.

GCSE- - Pupils study the CCEA GCSE Religious Studies (Full Course) Specification Units 5 & 8.

Unit 5: A Study of the Gospel of Mark.

Topics: Background to Mark's Gospel; The Identity of Jesus; Jesus the Miracle Worker; The Kingdom of God; The Death & Resurrection of Jesus; Christian Discipleship.

Unit 8: An Introduction to Christian Ethics.

Topics: Personal & Family Issues; Matters of Life & Death; Care for the Environment; Equality; War & Peace.

A Level: Pupils study the CCEA GCE Religious Studies Specification Units 2 & 6.

AS Level (AS 2 & 6- 2 x 1 hour 20 minutes examination worth 50%)

Unit 2- An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles.

Background to Acts: The Beginnings of the Church; Growth and Expansion of the Church; Paul The Apostle; Faith, Work and Witness in Acts.

Unit 6- Religious Ethics: Foundations, Principles & Practice.

Foundations of Christian Ethics; Ethical Theories; Bio-ethics; Sexual Ethics; Life and Death Issues

A2 Level (A2 2 & 6- 2 x 2 hour examination worth 50%)

Unit 2- A Study of Acts, Galatians and 1 Corinthians.

Paul in captivity; The Theology of Acts; Paul's letter to the Galatians; Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians; Paul in Acts and Letters

Unit 6- Ethics & Society.

Ethical Decision Making; Human Rights; Environmental Ethics; War and Peace; Ethics of Justice and Punishment.

Extra-Curricular (clubs, competitions, etc)

Pupils have the opportunity to participate in various Liturgical celebrations throughout the year including the Start of the Year Mass, Year 8 Mass, Carol Service, Year 14 Leavers Mass, Year 12 Prayer Service and various services to mark key liturgical times such as Advent and Lent.

St Vincent De Paul Society- the school has a Youth SVP society.

John Paul II Awards- Open to senior pupils who wish to contribute to society.

Year 14 Social Awareness Programme- giving pupils to opportunity to contribute on a local level.