

BARTON COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

The Department of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics has three dedicated classrooms with other rooms available for teaching. All classrooms have a Smartboard. The department has a comprehensive range of resources to support innovative and interactive lesson planning. Lessons are created and developed using 'Thinking Schools' initiatives. Course textbooks, DVDs, software, games, and lesson materials are available to ensure that students have access to accurate and stimulating sources of information. The teaching team in the department are keen to share skills and ideas to develop excellent teaching and learning, with centrally stored resources available for all topics. There are bookable computer rooms available to support and extend student learning.

RPE lessons are created to support students' knowledge, understanding and evaluative skills in relation to beliefs, morality, and personal well-being issues. Planning across the key stages supports aspects of PSHEE, Citizenship and SMSC.

Through RPE, students must be encouraged to strive for excellence by:

- learning, articulating and appreciating reasons for different points of view including developing their own
- developing the written skills to explain key religious beliefs and teaching, their ideas, and use arguments supported by relevant evidence (from a range of different sources)
- working independently as well as participating effectively in group and class activities
- being prepared for the challenges, roles and responsibilities of adult life

Assessments: All students will need to be assessed at regular intervals in line with Barton Court's Assessment Policy and examinations criteria at KS4 & 5. All assessments are recorded electronically. Classwork, homework, unit tests and the end of year examinations are designed to support this process.

Key Stage 3

All Year 7 and 8 have RPE lessons across a two week timetable. (3 x 60 minute lessons a fortnight)

Aims:

- The KS3 RPE Curriculum will allow to reflect on their own beliefs (religious or otherwise)
- Students will understand a range of different perspectives on life
- Students will demonstrate a knowledge of and respect for different people's faith, feelings and values.
- Students will have an appreciation for their own cultural development
- Students will have an ability to recognise and value, the things we share in common across cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic communities.
- Students will understand how religion, culture and sacred texts can help shape identity and understanding of the world
- Students will understand how beliefs in action can be used to manifest change or operate as social protest.

Content Learnt Year 7:

Term 1: Ways of seeing the world– A multi faith/secular perspective.

Term 2: The power of the hero's journey – Religion as a Window to the World and a Mechanism for Change

Term3 / 4 - Buddhism- The road to enlightenment

Term 4/5: Judaism as a way of life

Term 6:– Exploring Christianity

Content Learnt Year 8:

Term 1/2: Islam as a window to the world

Term 2/3: Raising awareness – Being global citizens

Term 4 :- Celebrating inclusivity

Term 5 : Exploring Environmental issues

Term 6 : Philosophical responses to the afterlife

Key Stage 4

All Year 9 and 10 students are preparing for Edexcel GCSE Religious Studies B 'Beliefs in Action' [Area of Year 9 – 11 have 4 x 60 minute lessons a fortnight.

Aims

- The KS4 RPE Curriculum will allow to reflect on their own beliefs (religious or otherwise)
- Students will have an appreciation for their own cultural development
- Students will have an ability to recognise and value, the things we share in common across Cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic communities.
- Students will understand how religion, culture and sacred texts can help shape identity and understanding of the world to actively reflect, investigate and make meaning of relationships, the world and God.

Content Learnt Year 9:

Term 1/2 Social justice, human rights and equality.

Term 3: The Holocaust

Term 4 - Evil and suffering a philosophical response

Term 5: - Buddhism – Key beliefs and the life of the Buddha

Term 6:– Exploring human relationships

Content Learnt Year 10:

Term 1: Christianity, crime and punishment.

Term 2/3: Beliefs about God

Term 4 :- Buddhism life and death

Term 5 : Living the Christian life

Term 6 : Review and development of learning

Term 1: Peace and conflict

Term 2: Living the Buddhist life

Term 3/4: Review of learning and preparing for examination

Key Stage 5

Year 12 – Philosophy A Level (AQA) – over the two years, students will be studying Epistemology, Ethics, Identity (Mind/Body), and Philosophy of Religion for their examinations at the end of Year 13.

Year 12 – Sociology A level (AQA) over two years student will be studying Families and households , Education, Beliefs and crime for their examination at the end of Year 13.