

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

CURRICULUM 2018-19

KEY STAGE 3

The Religious Studies course here at Shuttleworth College looks at fundamental questions about life, death, and the purpose of our existence. It examines issues facing people in all parts of the world and aims to help pupils understand their own personal beliefs and how they might be able to influence events. It is important for pupils to get a different perspective on the big issues of life – issues such as where we come from, what happens to us after we die, why poverty and war exist in our world, and so on.

Key Stage 3 Religious Studies is delivered by our Humanities teachers and the course covers units such as *Personal Belief; Forgiveness & Reconciliation; Prejudice & Discrimination; and Justice, Crime & Punishment*, along with studies into Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and Sikhism. Each half-termly unit of work has an assessment. Students class work is also marked frequently and they can then improve upon it.

To develop students' understanding, they could watch the news and current affairs programmes and discuss their views and opinions on what is going on in the world. They could also speak to other people about their beliefs and values and think about why people might have viewpoints contrary to their own. Debating with others opens our minds to other possibilities and perspectives. It is this critical thinking and objectivity that will help students to excel in Religious Studies. They can also explore the subject further using the links on our webpage.