



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CITIZENSHIP

### **Religious Education and Citizenship**

Our provision of Religious Education and Citizenship is coherently implemented across the Trust and importantly localised to meet the unique identity of each academy and its local community. As academies we are not required to follow the Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, however we have chosen to incorporate the key concepts from our Local Authorities where possible to best support the needs of our academy communities.

The RE/Life curriculum is taught through allocated Life lessons. The curriculum covers a range of areas and therefore has been devised to allow academies to deliver a personalised curriculum to their students ensuring they are able to meet the developing needs of their students and community. Within the RE/Life curriculum Religious Education, Citizenship, PSHE and RSE are covered, along with time for academies to cover other content relevant to the current and emerging needs of their students. Aspects of our Behaviour policy are embedded within this curriculum which specifically addresses the policy once a half term for all year groups, cross referencing our values '*Be safe, be respectful, be responsible*'. Being respectful is aligned to RE content. Being responsible is aligned to Citizenship content. Being safe is aligned to PSHE and RSE content taught through RE/Life.

### **Year 7 and 8**

Four Citizenship themes are taught, each covering a range of strands that encourage students to consider life in modern Britain and incorporate British Values, rights and responsibilities. Students engage in active citizenship which is tailored to their local area and concerns.

Five RE themes are taught, each covering a range of strands for students to consider. Students will focus more on Christianity to reflect the nature of the UK, a largely Christian country, they also consider a second world religion from the remaining 5 major world faiths, along with Humanism, philosophical and ethical dilemmas and an introduction to the remaining world religions.

### **Year 9 and 10**

Three Citizenship themes are taught, each covering a range of strands for students to consider. These are intended to connect and deepen their Year 7 & 8 curriculum study. Students will consider their politics and participation within society along with rights and responsibilities in crime and punishment and in global concerns.

Four RE themes are taught, each covering a range of strands for students to consider. Students will focus more on Christianity to reflect the nature of the UK as a largely Christian country, they will also consider another world religion different to the one studied in Years 7 & 8. Students will also consider philosophical and ethical dilemmas along with evil and suffering. These themes are intended to connect and deepen their Year 7 & 8 curriculum study.

Additionally, academies can decide to support the delivery of their Careers Education curriculum at the end of Y10 by utilising up to four RE/Life lessons.

### **Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural (SMSC) development and appreciation of British Values**

British values and SMSC are integral parts of academy life, however by their very nature they will be addressed more frequently and in more detail during RE/Life lessons. These areas focus on the development of the whole pupil and are whole academy responsibilities. Academies are conscientious in accurately mapping these aspects of the curriculum both across subjects and within the wider curriculum they provide.

### **Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE) and Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)**

From 2020 RSE is a statutory requirement in all schools in the UK. Our Academies map the requirements of RSE across subject delivery and through age appropriate guidance delivered within our tutorial and assembly programmes and calendared year group events that are delivered by external agencies and groups such as The British Heart Foundation etc. Subject leads ensure they are familiar with the statutory guidance and regularly check for updates or changes to the guidance. Within this curriculum there are a range of laws which students are introduced to supporting their understanding of the modern society to which they belong.

PSHE and RSE are whole academy responsibilities so whilst a large part of this curriculum will be covered in RE/Life lessons it is not restricted to this subject but rather underpins our academies' wider curriculum delivery. Academies are conscientious in accurately mapping their compliance and regularly reflect and update this.

### **A Whole Academy Approach**

All subjects across the curriculum support the exploration of PSHE, RSE SMSC and British Values coherently mapping appropriate aspects of this coverage to their subject schemes of work for example Rule of Law, democracy and individual liberty (PSHE & British Values) is taught through History whilst English and the arts support the appreciation of the influences that have shaped our heritage & those of others (SMSC). Our IT departments teach online safety (PSHE), PE fosters an awareness of physical health and fitness (PSHE) and Science teaches the facts about puberty, reproductive health, including fertility and the potential impact of lifestyle on fertility for men and women (RSE) etc. By doing this it not only enables us to develop and deepen the knowledge our students have, but to also ensure that we have a coherent consistent delivery model.

Our daily tutorial and assembly programmes support our students' personal development and understanding of these important aspects of our curriculum. A wealth of opportunities designed across the academic year provide both whole school and age appropriate events, programmes, trips and visits. We promote national and local awareness campaigns, observe local and national commemorations and celebrate diversity empowering students to engage more widely in their personal, social, health, moral, spiritual, cultural education.

Opportunities such as our Random Acts of Kindness initiative or student voice and enrichment programmes operate in all our academies but the causes they promote, charities they support or enrichments activities they offer are personalised to meet their students' interests and reflect their communities. These aspects of our curriculum are designed to allow the freedom of delivery for specialists while giving scope to address key local and national issues, meet statutory requirements and ensure a high level of consistency across the Trust.

The most important and guiding factor when devising this curriculum has been to ensure that our students are given all the skills, knowledge and experience they need to effectively prepare them for their future in an ever-changing world. Our intent is to equip our students as global citizens and support them in becoming an efficient and contributing member of society.

## Citizenship Overview

### Year 7 and 8

<b>Active Citizenship - local councils</b>	What is Active Citizenship?	How can we make a change on a local level? Local councils	Why is standing up for what you believe important?	Local issue/active citizenship - research	Local issue/active citizenship - planning	Local issue/active citizenship - taking action
<b>Modern Britain - Identity</b>	What does it mean to be British?	Core British values	Diversity	Multiculturalism	Racism and discrimination	Being a good citizen
<b>Modern Britain - media and international relations</b>	Free press and privacy	Fake news	Regulation and censorship - international example-China	UN and NATO	WTO and EU	NGOs
<b>Rights and responsibilities - why do we have laws?</b>	Why do we have laws?	Anti-social behaviour	Rule of Law	The Role & Power of the Police	Criminal and civil courts	Terrorism

### Year 9 and 10

<b>Politics and participation - democracy in Britain</b>	British constitution	Local government and councils	Regional and devolved government	Voting	Bring about political change	European Convention of Human Rights
<b>Rights and responsibilities - crime and punishment</b>	Development of citizens' rights; Magna Carta and HR	Types of crime	Types of punishment	Youth crime and justice	Impact of crime	Crime reduction strategies
<b>British values and Prevent</b>	Values and beliefs	The Limits of Individual Liberty & Freedom of Speech	When does politics become too extreme?	The Rule of Law in War	Tackling Islamophobia	The Prevent Strategy

### Citizenship Outcomes: Year 7 and 8

#### Active Citizenship

<b>What is Active Citizenship?</b>	What active citizenship is, the effectiveness of active citizenship and the different forms it can take.
<b>How can we make a change on a local level? Local councils</b>	Differing ways to change your local area, the makeup and function of local councils.
<b>Why is standing up for what you believe important?</b>	Why it is important to stand up for what you believe, the opportunities and barriers to citizen participation in democracy.
<b>Local issue/active citizenship - research</b>	What issues and problems there are in the local area and possible causes of these.

<b>Local issue/active citizenship – planning</b>	Which issue they will focus on and justify decisions and planning active citizenship.
<b>Local issue/active citizenship - taking action</b>	Carry out action and evaluate the effectiveness of the action.

### **Modern Britain: Identity**

<b>Identity</b>	Factors which make up both personal and national identity, including 'Britishness', some differences in identities of the four nations of the UK.
<b>Diversity</b>	What diversity is, the importance and impact of diversity and the pros and cons of diversity. The need for mutual respect within diverse societies.
<b>Multiculturalism</b>	What multiculturalism is, what it has brought to the UK - both positive and negative - evaluate the benefits of living in a multicultural society.
<b>Racism, prejudice and discrimination</b>	What these terms are, how they are connected, the causes and consequences of such, including a case study.
<b>British Values</b>	What British Values are, where they can be found in society and how they are beneficial.
<b>Being a good citizen</b>	What it means to be a citizen, responsibility and importance as a citizen, impact of negative/positive citizens.

### **Modern Britain: media and international relations**

<b>Free press and privacy</b>	The role and importance of freedom of the press, when it might be restricted and why, and right to privacy.
<b>Fake news</b>	What fake news is, the dangers and impact it can have and how to spot it, including issues relating to social media.
<b>Regulation and censorship - international example</b>	Example of a nation where regulation and censorship are in stark contrast to the UK and evaluate this.
<b>UN and NATO</b>	What the UN and NATO are, their history, function and the UK contribution to these organisations.
<b>WTO and EU</b>	What the WTO and EU are, their history, function and UK contribution to these organisations.
<b>NGOs</b>	What NGOs are, their function, consider examples and the work they do.

### **Rights and responsibilities: why do we have laws?**

<b>Why do we have laws?</b>	Purpose of laws, their function as protection and deterrence, age related legal entitlements, the age of criminal responsibility.
<b>Rule of law</b>	The principles of law to ensure rights and freedoms, the presumption of innocence and equality before the law, fairness, justice and discrimination.
<b>Role and power of the police</b>	What the police do (including various differing examples), where their power ends.

<b>Anti-social behaviour</b>	identify & understand the acts which constitute anti-social behaviour & their degrees of seriousness, to consider who are the victims of these crimes & explore how teenagers are affected by this
<b>Criminal and civil courts</b>	The function of each court, what they deal with and examples; including non-criminal tribunals and the youth justice system.
<b>Terrorism</b>	Purpose of terrorism, examples, and consequences, the terrorism act.

### **Citizenship Outcomes: Year 9 and 10**

#### **Politics and participation: democracy in Britain**

<b>Democracy including rule of law</b>	What democracy is, why it is important in the UK, the type of democracy we have in the UK, and what is meant by the rule of law.
<b>British constitution</b>	The different sections of the British Constitution and consider whether or not the British constitution is effective in modern society.
<b>Local government and councils</b>	The role of a local council/government, and what local councils do to support the local people, elections and the importance of local councils/governments.
<b>Regional and devolved government</b>	The term devolution, what regional and devolved governments are, the powers given to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and the powers given to city mayors, including an example.
<b>Voting</b>	The process of voting in the UK and contrasting voting systems.
<b>Bring about political change</b>	What a pressure group is and how they can bring about change, the positives and negatives of violent and non-violent protests.

#### **Rights and responsibilities: crime and punishment**

<b>Development of citizens' rights; Magna Carta and HR</b>	The Magna Carta is and its importance, along with the role of the Suffragettes in women's rights, the Chartists contribution, and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
<b>Types of crime</b>	The different types of crime in the UK, the impact of these on individuals, communities and the country.
<b>Types of punishment</b>	The types of punishment in the UK and compare these to others around the world including contrasting systems for example prisons in Norway and extreme laws in the Middle East.
<b>Youth crime and justice</b>	How age can impact the sentence given to an individual for example - youth crime and how punishments for young people can differ from adult punishments.
<b>Impact of crime</b>	The impact of crime on both the victim, criminal, all families and society.
<b>Crime reduction strategies</b>	How the UK has tried to reduce crime, compare the UK's methods with another contrasting country and consider the effectiveness of these methods.

## British values and Prevent

<b>Values and beliefs</b>	To identify & define British values, to consider the importance of democracy, rule of law, respect & tolerance & individual liberty, to explore how to implement these values, to identify your own personal values, their origins & their importance, to consider how your values affect your behaviour.
<b>The Limits of Individual Liberty &amp; Freedom of Speech</b>	To understand what freedom of speech means & consider (through looking at various scenarios) if there should be limits to this, to identify key facts about individual liberty in the UK & certain government restrictions, to examine other people's views on freedom of speech, to consider the events in British politics which led to resignations in 2016 & reflect on your personal views.
<b>When does politics become too extreme?</b>	To identify different UK political groups & their differing left/right wing views, to consider your own political views, to understand the aims of the BNP & debate their place/position in UK society.
<b>The Rule of Law in War</b>	To consider why rules might need to be different in times of war, understand what international humanitarian law means & identify the different rules of law in war & the purpose of these laws, to consider the differences between neutrality & impartiality, to consider the importance of human dignity.
<b>Tackling Islamophobia</b>	To consider the events of 9/11, the impact of this on views of Muslims and the definition of Islamophobia, the impact of media portrayal on this, to explore what the world & UK could do to help prevent this.
<b>The Prevent Strategy</b>	THE LAW extremism and radicalisation.

## Religious Education Overview Year 7 and 8

<b>Christianity+Humanism</b>		What type of person was Jesus?	The Miracles of Jesus	Holy Week	Jesus; crucifixion and resurrection	The importance of Christmas	
		Denominations	The Church and its importance	The Trinity	Creation	Afterlife	Funerals
<b>2nd religion in depth x1</b>	<b>The importance of following religion</b>	What is religion?					
	<b>Judaism</b>	Abraham	Rabbi	G-D	Covenant	Synagogue	
	<b>Islam</b>	Muhammad	Quran	Mosque	Eid	5 pillars	Hajj
	<b>Hinduism</b>	Brahman	Diwali	Shiva	Reincarnation	Karma	Creation story
	<b>Buddhism</b>	Buddha	Meditation	Karma and rebirth	8-fold path	5 moral precepts	Wesak

	<b>Sikhism</b>	Guru Nanak	10 Gurus	Gurdwara	Sewa	Guru Granth Sahib		
<b>P&amp;E</b>		Is there a God?	Why do bad things happen?	Existence of evil	How do we decide what is right and wrong?	Morals and moral dilemma		

### Year 9 and 10

<b>Christianity</b>		Nature of God; Trinity	Prayer	Forms of worship; outside church	Judgement	Bible	
		The vicar	Creation; different interpretations, including Process theology	Charity; world mission	Problem of evil	Resurrection and the after life	
<b>2nd religion in depth x1 - not the same as Y7&amp;8</b>	<b>Judaism</b>	Abraham	Kosher	Shabbat	Bar Mitzvah	Synagogue	Torah
	<b>Islam</b>	Muhammad	Quran	Mosque	Eid	5 pillars	Hajj
	<b>Hinduism</b>	Brahman	Diwali	Holi	Puja	Karma	Samsara and Moksha
	<b>Buddhism</b>	Buddha	Meditation	Karma and rebirth	8-fold path	5 moral precepts	Wesak
	<b>Sikhism</b>	Guru Nanak	10 Gurus	Gurdwara	Sewa	Gurpurbs	Khalsa
<b>Philosophy and Ethics</b>		What are different ideas about creation?	What is the evidence for life after death?	Morality	Ethical issues about the start and end of life	Environmental ethics	Business ethics
<b>Evil and suffering</b>		Types of evil	The problem of evil	Is there a purpose to suffering?	Religious response 1	Religious response 2	

### Religious Education Outcomes: Year 7 and 8

#### Christianity

<b>Nature of God; Classical theism</b>	Christian beliefs about God including God as Creator, omniscient, omnipotent and omnibenevolent.
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<b>Denominations</b>	That there are different Christian denominations and differences between these including the Protestant split from the Catholic Church and one modern day denomination for example Methodism or Baptism.
<b>Forms of worship; Church</b>	Different forms of worship which take place in the church, for example prayer, icons, hymns and devotions.
<b>Jesus; crucifixion and resurrection</b>	The events of the crucifixion and resurrection and the significance of these for Christians.
<b>Church</b>	The key features of a Church and understand that these differ between denominations through considering the differences between two, for example between Catholic churches and Meeting Houses.
<b>Creation</b>	The two differing accounts of creation in Genesis 1&2.
<b>Charity; at home</b>	How Christians can and do act in a charitable way in their daily life and local community, and some key teachings which support this for example the Sermon on the Mount.
<b>Funerals</b>	The key features of Christian funerals and the symbolism and importance of these acts.

### Philosophy and Ethics

<b>Is there a God?</b>	Terms of atheism, theism, agnostic, and reasons for each belief, reflect on personal beliefs about God.
<b>How did life begin?</b>	Different ideas about how life on earth began including Christian 7-day creation, another religious view and a scientific view.
<b>Why do bad things happen?</b>	Why bad things, in particular natural or unexplained events take place and if there is a cause for this including no God, God not intervening, luck and chance.
<b>Is there life after death?</b>	Personal beliefs about the afterlife, and consider common beliefs including no afterlife, heaven & hell and spiritual afterlife.
<b>How do we decide what is right and wrong?</b>	Different ideas about where we learn right and wrong including society, parents and as an innate sense and consider reasons people act in negative ways.

### Humanism

<b>Charity</b>	Humanist beliefs about the role and importance of charity and their beliefs about giving to religious causes.
<b>Evil</b>	Beliefs about the importance of trying to prevent rather than just understand evil and how they may try minimise this in their lives.
<b>Marriage</b>	Beliefs about the role and importance of marriage, typical features of a ceremony and recognition in law.
<b>Funerals</b>	Purpose and features of a Humanist funeral and the role of the celebrant.

<b>Life after death</b>	The purpose of life and living as well as possible and the impact of this on everyday life along with the rejection of traditional religious beliefs about life after death.
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### Introduction to world religions

<b>Religion, faith and belief</b>	What is faith? How is faith different to fact? What makes a religion?
<b>6 Major world faiths</b>	The symbols, figures, sacred texts and key beliefs of each religion, and the similarities and differences.
<b>Judaism</b>	Historical roots of Judaism including who the Jews are, their key beliefs of being the chosen people, Abraham as founder, the 10 commandments and Kosher food laws.
<b>Islam</b>	The key features of Islam; Mecca, Muhammad (PBUH), Ramadan, no art work of humans.
<b>Hinduism</b>	How Hindus worship, key beliefs including karma, Trimurti and reincarnation.
<b>Sikhism</b>	The beginnings of Sikhism, the 10 Gurus and Sewa.
<b>Buddhism</b>	Whether Buddhism is a religion without a God, who was the Buddha and how Buddhists live.

### Religious Education Outcomes: Year 9 and 10

#### Christianity

<b>Nature of God; Trinity</b>	Christian beliefs about the 3 aspects of the God head and their relationship with each other.
<b>Prayer</b>	Christian beliefs about the importance of prayer and the benefits including physical, psychological and spiritual.
<b>Forms of worship; outside the Church</b>	Ways Christians worship God away from Church including personal prayer and evangelism.
<b>Judgement</b>	Differing ideas about the nature of Judgement day and preparation for this including justification through faith and through works.
<b>Bible</b>	The complex nature of the Bible; it's Jewish roots, transition and translation issues and differing approaches to its authority including fundamental and liberal interpretation.
<b>Vicar</b>	The role of the religious leader in different denominations including Catholic and Baptist.

<b>Creation; differing interpretations including Process Theology</b>	Belief in creation as literal (Creationism), liberal and compatibility with science (Big Bang and Evolution), Process theology and it's view of creation from pre-existing matter rather than from nothing.
<b>Charity; world mission</b>	Importance of world mission, including a case study for example CAFOD.
<b>The problem of evil</b>	Logical and evidential problem of evil, including pointless evil and justification for God and evil to co-exist.
<b>Resurrection and the afterlife</b>	Differing ideas about the nature of resurrection and the afterlife including physical and spiritual.

### **Philosophy and Ethics**

<b>What are different ideas about Creation?</b>	Differing creation ideas including but not limited to a religious view, Big Bang Theory, Evolution.
<b>What is the evidence for life after death?</b>	Differing evidence for life after death and the credibility of this, including but not limited to NDEs, reincarnation accounts, scripture and ghosts.
<b>Morality</b>	Differing ideas about the source of morality, contrasting deontological and teleological ethical theories for example Utilitarianism and Divine Command Theory and the benefits and drawbacks of each.
<b>Ethical issues surrounding the start and end of life</b>	Differing views about when life begins and the impact of these on debates about abortion. Views about whether euthanasia can be permitted and reasons for this.
<b>Environmental ethics</b>	Contrasting views of dominion and stewardship and application to current ethical dilemmas.
<b>Business ethics</b>	Views about responsibility within business including to the natural environment, the public/consumer, the employee and the wider public (i.e. supporting though charity).

### **Evil and Suffering**

<b>Types of evil</b>	Natural evil, moral evil and the nature of suffering.
<b>The problem of evil</b>	The logical and evidential problem of evil and if God and evil can both exist.
<b>Is there a purpose to suffering</b>	Different ideas about the purpose of suffering including as punishment, to learn, to develop good qualities.
<b>Religious response 1</b>	Christian responses to evil and suffering in the world, both theological and practical.
<b>Religious response 2</b>	The responses of one other religion to suffering in the world, both theological and practical.

### **Religious studies outcomes: secondary religions Years 7-10**

## Judaism

<b>Abraham</b>	The account of the covenant between Abram and G-D and the importance of this.
<b>Kosher</b>	What Jewish food laws are and how they are followed in practice.
<b>Shabbat</b>	What Shabbat is and how it is carried out in society today.
<b>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</b>	Significance and purpose of Bar/Bat Mitzvah and what happens in each ceremony.
<b>Synagogue</b>	The key features of a synagogue and their use/importance.
<b>Torah</b>	The contents and importance of the Torah including the Jewish Law and its importance.

## Islam

<b>Muhammad (PBUH)</b>	The call narrative of Muhammad (PBUH) and importance as central to Islam.
<b>Quran</b>	Beliefs about the nature and contents of the Quran and how this is shown in everyday life and worship.
<b>Mosque</b>	Key features, their significance as either practical or symbolic.
<b>Eid</b>	Purpose and significance of the festival and how it is celebrated.
<b>5 Pillars</b>	The nature of the Pillars and the importance to Muslims.
<b>Hajj</b>	The purpose and nature of Hajj, expectations during Hajj and spiritual significance.

## Hinduism

<b>Brahman</b>	The nature of Brahman and his role in the world, who are the Trimurti and their roles.
<b>Diwali</b>	The symbolic features, importance of the festival and how it is celebrated.
<b>Holi</b>	The meaning of Holi and how it is celebrated by Hindus.
<b>Puja</b>	The importance of family worship at home and how beliefs are expressed through rituals and sacred spaces.
<b>Karma</b>	What a 'good' life is in Hinduism and the influence of karma on this life and the next.
<b>Samsara and Moksha</b>	Hindu beliefs about life after death and the concept of reincarnation / samsara, Moksha as the end of the life cycle.

## Sikhism

<b>Guru Nanak</b>	The call narrative of Guru Nanak, key beliefs and importance to the faith.
<b>10 Gurus</b>	Overview of their acts and impact on the faith
<b>Gurdwara</b>	The practical, communal and spiritual functions of the Gurdwara and key features.
<b>Sewa</b>	The nature and importance, practical examples of its application such as Langar.
<b>Gurpurbs</b>	The symbolic nature of the festivals, how they are celebrated and what they remember.
<b>Khalsa</b>	The founding narrative, 5 K's and their symbolism and uses.

## Buddhism

<b>Buddha</b>	Overview of the life of the Buddha including birth narrative, early life and discovery of the middle way.
<b>Meditation</b>	Uses in the faith and benefits.
<b>Karma and rebirth</b>	Nature of each and beliefs about how karma can be developed and function of rebirth (Nirvana).
<b>8-Fold path</b>	Nature of and practical application.
<b>5 moral precepts</b>	Nature of and practical application.
<b>Wesak</b>	Origins, how it is celebrated and significance to Buddhists.