



Oxford Spires Academy

Religious Education

KS3/4

The Year 8 curriculum offers a diverse and stimulating diet for young learners.

We provide in-depth subject specialist teaching, with both thematic and religion based units. The selection of subjects is based on SACRE guidelines for Key Stage 3 so Buddhism and Sikhism are delivered.

The whole school Religious Education curriculum is in line with SACRE requirements for teaching Christianity in the main as well as creating a curriculum to meet the needs of our community.

KS5

A Level Religious Studies: Philosophy and Ethics with Buddhism

Philosophy: Studying the great Philosophers like Plato, Aristotle, Swinburne and Hick.

Ethics: Situation Ethics, Virtue Theory, Natural Law and other ethical theories. These will be applied to things like nuclear warfare, polyamorous relationships and Euthanasia.

Buddhism: Students will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of Buddhism.

They will debate whether Buddhism is a more relatable religion for modern society with the increase in the use of mindfulness.

GCSE Religious Education

Paper 1: Religious, philosophical and ethical studies in the modern world (50%)

Paper 2: Study of Christianity (25%)

Paper 3: Study of a world faith (Islam) (25%) or Study of a world faith (Buddhism) (25%)

For paper 1 students will study:

Issues of Relationships
Issues of Life and Death
Issues of Good and Evil
Issues of Human Rights

For paper 2 students will study:

Christian Beliefs and Teachings
Christian Practices

For paper 3 students will study:

A choice between Buddhism or Islam
Islam Beliefs and Teachings
Islam Practices
Or
Buddhism Beliefs and Teachings

“We get really clear advice in the RE lessons about exam techniques”

“I enjoy learning about different religions I had not studied before”

“I like being able to give my opinion”



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