

FAITH, PHILOSOPHY AND THINKING

Course Outline

Statutory Religious Studies is taken by all students in both Key Stages and has a strong academic tradition in the school. The new Agreed Syllabus for West Sussex is delivered. At Key Stage 4 students can opt to take the GCSE philosophy and ethics full course. The remaining students follow the Philosophy and ethics GCSE short course, where the OCR Examination Specification is followed. All students will then sit one 2 hour exam at the end of the course, leading to a GCSE.

Key Stage 3

Through the programmes of study students learn the origins, beliefs, practices and lifestyles of the followers of the six main World Faiths. The implications of faith leading to action in response to personal, social and global issues are explored.

Faiths studied: Judaism, Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Sikhism

Modules explored: Identity, Ultimate questions, Environment, Looking for God, The Bible, Justice

Key Stage 4 - statutory

Christianity and other faith perspectives on a range of issues.

Year 10

Prejudice and Discrimination
Crime and Punishment
The nature of God
Human Relationships

Year 11

Medical Ethics
Environmental Issues
Peace and Conflict
Developing World Issues
Global Citizenship

Subject Organisation

Students in Key Stage 3 are taught in their general subject teaching groups. Key Stage 4 groups are taught in their English sets.

Beyond the Classroom

In Key Stage 3 homework is set weekly with particular stress on tasks which will develop study skills and consolidate learning. There is no homework for Key Stage 4 non-examination groups. Revision and support groups run regularly. A Christian Union has recently been established.

Parental Support

Contact with parents is welcomed, especially where course content may give rise to particular issues they feel the need to discuss. Support with research, planning and organisational skills, as well as helping to maintain high standards with homework, is much appreciated.