



Newton Abbot College

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Approach

Religious Studies is a lively, fascinating and challenging subject where students are given a range of opportunities to debate, empathise with and reflect upon the place of religion in society and the importance of a range of moral and ethical issues.

At key stage 3 we deliver a curriculum which draws on the Devon Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, introducing students to all of the major world religions and to a variety of contemporary ethical and philosophical issues.

In Year 7, students study inspirational religious people and explore growing up in the religions of Judaism and Sikhism. They then explore religious authority, spirituality and the creative arts in Year 8, focusing on aspects of Christianity, Buddhism and Sikhism. In addition, the Year 8 curriculum introduces contemporary global issues and studies ultimate questions around death and religion and science. All of the topics covered are intended to excite, prepare and develop students' skills for the GCSE course.

All students take Full Course GCSE Religious Studies, beginning in Year 9. We follow the AQA Religious Studies 'A' GCSE course; the two religions studied for GCSE are Christianity and Islam.

In the Sixth Form, students study the OCR A Level Religious Studies course - Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics and Developments in Christian Thought. Lessons follow a tutorial format and a wide range of teaching and learning methods are used to encourage discussion and further development of skills, knowledge and understanding established at GCSE.

The Team, Resources and Accommodation

Religious Studies is a strong and valued subject at the College. The successful candidate will be joining a supportive team which is well resourced. With this appointment, the department will consist of the Head of Department, one other full-time teacher of RS (this appointment) and two other members of teaching staff who currently have other whole-college responsibilities but are RS subject specialists. Classrooms are fitted with digital projectors and interactive whiteboards, with further access to computer rooms. Staff and students also use other digital devices, as well as visualisers to project exemplar work. The department is efficiently resourced and the proximity to the Study Skills Centre is also an advantage.

Timetable and Curriculum

The College operates a five period day (one hour per period) alongside a two week timetable. Students at Key Stage 3 have one lesson a week, at Key Stage 4 students have three lessons per fortnight and at Key Stage 5 students have nine lessons per fortnight.

Students find Religious Studies challenging and exciting. They welcome the opportunity to speak their minds and reflect on the religious and moral issues of the day. Religious Studies plays an integral part in the College Curriculum.

We are looking forward to welcoming the successful applicant into the department.

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