



Beliefs & Values



In Beliefs and Values we explore the contribution that Religion, Ethics, Philosophy and secular thinking makes in the world. Students are supported in exploring their own beliefs – whatever they may be - while reflecting on the beliefs and practices of others. Lessons are designed to give time and space to think, discuss and challenge. Students are encouraged to develop critical thinking to deepen their spiritual, social and moral views.

In Year 8 students have one Beliefs and Values lesson each week. In these lessons students build on prior learning by developing their knowledge and understanding of faiths and use this to explore Moral and ethical themes.

PSHE and Citizenship units are also completed in this curriculum time. Homework continues to be set according to the homework timetable (see website for details) and students are encouraged to share their learning at home.

The areas of study for Year 8 include:-

Science and Religion: Including the relationship between science and religion. We consider ideas around the creation of the universe and opinions on miracles and unexplained events.

Prejudice and Discrimination: Including investigating the impact of people of faith such as Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi. We will also be exploring the Citizenship theme of human rights and civic responsibility.

PSHE/Citizenship – Includes covering the concepts of rights and responsibilities, social action, and sex and relationships.

Terror and Extremism – including the nature and impact of terror and extremism. Considering the motives for extremist views and terrorist acts, along with the response from British society and world organisations.

Sex and Relationships – Considering body language and sex, keeping safe, Youth Produced Sexual Imagery (Sexting) and keeping safe online.

What parents/carers can do at home to help:

- Encourage students to discuss their learning.
- Encourage students to complete the homework tasks that are set for them to the best of their ability using websites like BBC Religion and BBC Bitesize.
- Make use of the range materials available to help which are beginning to be available on the BV section of the LEARNING PLATFORM.