



Richard Lander School

Religious Studies – Key Stage 3

Richard Lander School is a maintained school which follows the National Curriculum at both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

Purpose of study

High quality Religious education should fulfil two attainment targets

1. Learning about Religion
2. Learning from Religion

Key Stage 3

In Key stage 3 we follow the Cornwall agreed syllabus for Religious education focusing on Christianity, Buddhism and Islam. Humanist viewpoints are also examined.

In Year 7 - Autumn Term we cover

1. Why Religious Studies is important in society today, arguments for and against the existence of God (including the problem of evil and suffering).
2. Philosophy of Religion
3. The life of Jesus and its impact on the lives of Christians today.
4. Buddhism

Within Year 8 we take a more thematic approach and examine:

1. The journey of life (rites of passage within Religion)
2. Pilgrimage
3. Inspirational People
4. Moral issues – animal rights

Within Year 9 we re-visit philosophical questions and look at ways in which people make moral decisions.

1. Transplant Surgery
2. The Holocaust
3. Forgiveness and reconciliation
4. Islam

In all that we do we seek to develop skills of critical thinking, reasoning and analytical enquiry.