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**KING EDWARD VI  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**Religious Studies**

## Religious Studies

### Why is Religious Education important?

Never before has learning about different religious beliefs been so important. Religion and beliefs inform our values and are reflected in what we say and how we behave. Religious Studies provokes challenging questions about the ultimate meaning and purpose of life, beliefs about God, the Self and the nature of reality, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be Human. RS develops pupils' knowledge and understanding of the nature of religion and belief including Christianity, other principal religions, other religious traditions, and world views that offer answers to these challenging questions.

### Key Stage 3 (Years 7 - 8)

Key Stage 3 pupils study a wide range of religious beliefs and then compare and contrast them. They then begin to apply these beliefs to philosophical and moral issues that affect us today. Topics and religions covered at Key Stage 3 include;

- Buddhism
- Judaism
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Christianity
- Sikhism
- Human Relationships
- Medical Ethics
- Human Rights
- Humanism
- Prejudice
- Poverty



There are many enrichment and extra-curricular activities for Key Stage 3 pupils to take part in to help raise their attainment, including guest speakers, visits to local places of worship, visits to Lichfield Cathedral, and foreign visits.

### Key Stage 4 (Years 9 - 11)

Key Stage 4 pupils currently study for the WJEC Educas GCSE. This consists of six topics, including Relationships; Life & Death; Good & Evil and Human Rights.

Religious Studies offers opportunities for personal reflection and spiritual development. It enhances awareness and understanding of religions and beliefs, teachings, practices and forms of expression and of the influence of religion on individuals, families, communities and cultures.