



St Gregory the Great Catholic School – Secondary Phase

RE (KS4)

Examination Board: AQA Specification B Religious Studies Roman Catholic with Judaism



Course Description:

The course consists of 4 units of study:

- Roman Catholicism. This will investigate teaching and beliefs, religious authority, religious practices and how beliefs are expressed outside of religious practice. The topics covered are:

Creation- How the world was created, stewardship, and the relationship of religion and science.

Incarnation- The relationship between Jesus, God and the world.

The Triune God- The relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in one

Redemption- The role of Jesus in salvation and the way we share in this today.

Church and the Kingdom of God- How the Kingdom of God can be achieved today.

Eschatology- A study of the end times.

- Judaism. This will investigate Jewish beliefs and the way these are expressed through religious practices.
- Religion, peace and conflict. This is a perspectives based unit and will discuss the morality and impact of war, and the Church's response.
- Religion, relationships and families. This will discuss the role of the family and Church teachings on relationships and gender discrimination.

All 4 units will involve the students developing their skills of recall, description, explanation, analysis and evaluation in the form of a discussion. This will build on the skills taught throughout Years 7-9 and will allow students to enhance and refine their skills at a more advanced level.

Assessment:

This qualification is assessed through two exam papers, each of which is worth 50% of the marks for the GCSE. Each exam is 1 hour 45 minutes.

Paper 1: Roman Catholic Christianity .This paper will consist of 4 questions chosen from the 6 units covered. Pupils will answer all of the questions.

Paper 2: Judaism and Themes. There are 2 sections to this paper. Judaism will consist of 2 questions. Pupils will need to complete both. Themes will consist of 3 questions pupils will need to only answer the questions of the two units that they have studied.

There is no coursework for this qualification

Why Study History?

The course provides students with a fascinating study of a wide range of religious practices and beliefs. Pupils will be able to discuss the reasons behind certain actions and consider the impact that religion has on the world. It will also allow them to consider the challenges faced by religious people and the way that religion can respond to human issues such as war.

The skills learnt and developed through the study of RE are highly sought after in a number of different professions, and can be transferred to a wide range of contexts such as social work, law and teaching, to name just a few. As well as demonstrating that they can recall and organise a significant amount of information, students will also learn how to form a logical argument, construct coherent answers, reach supported judgements, evaluate sources of authority, and analyse religious scripture. Students will also broaden their perspectives on other beliefs and the way these all contribute to society.

Further information on GCSE RE can be obtained from Miss Jelfs- Head of RE