

## What will Year 7 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

In Year 7 students will have 1 lesson of RE each week. Within these lessons you will develop a detailed understanding of different worldviews (ways of viewing and understanding the world) through exploring Jewish and Christian beliefs. We will look at the central beliefs to each religion, how these beliefs came about and how they have been interpreted over time. We will then consider the relationship between these beliefs and religious practices within the Jewish and Christian communities. Through studying RE you will develop your ability to pose and answer questions, analyse texts and interpretations and form your own judgements based on your own personal reflections.

## What will Year 7 students need to bring with them to lessons?

Students will be expected to bring the following to each of their lessons

- Exercise books
- Pens and pencils
- Ruler
- Planner
- Highlighters or coloured pens
- Glue

## Will Year 7 students have homework in this subject? How much?

Students will be set one piece of homework each week. These tasks will take students between 20 to 30 minutes to complete. Tasks set will vary in nature and will provide students with opportunities to extend their knowledge and understanding, review their learning and practice key skills developed within lessons.

## How can I support my child at home with their learning in this subject?

There are several ways that you can support your child in learning RE. Firstly, you can engage your child within discussions about key issues, for example, the environment or crime, to help them develop their awareness and understanding of current affairs. This will provide students with opportunities to formulate their own ideas and reflect upon their own personal responses and beliefs. If you or your child are a follower of a particular religion, it could be helpful to discuss aspects of your religious beliefs and practices to help build understanding. You can also support your child with homework tasks and by encouraging them to read around the subject. In preparation for assessments, you may also wish to support your students with any revision required through quizzing them and talking about what they have been learning in school.

### What opportunities are there for further study and careers in this subject?

Studying RE does not mean that you have to go into a career linked to religion or religious leadership. In fact, studying RE will provide you with a wide range of knowledge and skills that are much sought after by employers in a range of different fields. For example, through studying RE, students will become more respectful of other opinions and beliefs, they will develop skills in communication and be able to analyse and evaluate texts to form their own supported judgements. Studying RE can lead to careers in education, social work, museum and archivist work, the Civil Service and the charity sector.

### What Extra-Curricular opportunities are there?

We are hoping to develop links between Watling Academy and religious communities across Milton Keynes by organising visits to the school from local religious leaders, as well as visits to local religious buildings. There will also be opportunities for students to get involved with interfaith events within the school.