



Religious Education Curriculum Provision

Beechen Cliff meets its legal requirements for Religious Education Provision for pupils and students through the timetabled curriculum of lessons, tutor time sessions, collapsed timetable sessions and assemblies.

Religion Philosophy & Ethics (RPE) Lessons

Our Religious Education syllabus is written by two subject specialists at KS3. Although we do not follow the locally agreed syllabus, our syllabus largely fulfils the same requirements. PEN (Head of RPE) is currently a member of the Bath & North East Somerset Standing Advisory Board for Religious Education (BANES SACRE) so adapts the syllabus to reflect recommendations from SACRE regularly. PEN will be contributing to the new locally agreed syllabus in the next two years and will continue to adapt the Beechen Cliff syllabus accordingly.

KS3

All pupils receive an hour of Religious Education per week through their RPE lessons. Three teachers teach RPE lessons. Two teachers are subject specialists and one is a 'utility' humanities teacher who teaches History, Geography and RPE at KS3.

The schemes of work across KS3 incorporate the study of all six main world religions, some study of other religions and cultures, and the study of Philosophy and Ethics.

KS4

RPE is an option choice for GCSE. Three classes of students currently study RPE in Year 10 (68 pupils) and another three classes (83 pupils) in Year 11. Pupils receive 5 hours of Religious Education input per fortnight in lessons. All lessons are taught by subject specialists.

The course follows the AQA GCSE Religious Studies A syllabus. The scheme of work includes the study of Christianity beliefs and practices, Islam beliefs and practices, and 4 or 5 thematic studies incorporating the study of Philosophy and Ethics (chosen from Relationships and Family; Religion and Life; Existence of God and Revelation; Peace and Conflict; Crime and Punishment; Human Rights and Social Justice). The GCSE is assessed by 2 x 105-minute exams at the end of Year 11.

KS5

RPE is an option choice for A Level. Currently 16 students study RPE in the L6th and 12 students study RPE in the U6th. These students received 8 hours of Religious Education input per fortnight. All lessons are taught by subject specialists.

The course follows the AQA A Level Religious Studies syllabus, which is made up of the study of Philosophy, Ethics and one chosen religion (Christianity). The A Level is assessed by 2 x 3-hour exams at the end of Year 13.

PSHE Lessons

In Year 7 pupils receive an hour per week of PSHE lessons. In Years 8-10 pupils receive an hour per fortnight of PSHE lessons. In Year 11 pupils receive 6 hours of collapsed timetable PSHE input during the year.

All teachers teaching PSHE have received training or are receiving training during this academic year.

Some of the PSHE programme is a Religious Education input including Equality, Healthy Relationships and Respecting Community in Year 7, Gender, Respect through traditions and British Values in Year 8, Healthy Relationships, Gender in careers, Contraception and Bereavement in Year 9, Diversity, Sexual Orientation and Extremism in Year 10, and Equality, British Values and Cultural Identity in Year 11.

Theme of the Week (Tutor time sessions)

Pupils from Years 7-11 also receive Religious Education input through the Theme of the Week programme delivered by tutors during tutor time.

These are delivered during the 20-minute morning tutor-time slot once a week. The programme includes Democracy Day, Black History Month, Anti-Racism, Respect, Gender Awareness, Christmas, Easter, LGBT History Month, Women's Rights, Christian Aid, Refugee Week and Schools Diversity week amongst many more.

L6th Students receive Religious Education input through the Lower Sixth assemblies and through the Friday morning Global Awareness programme delivered by tutors during tutor time.

Assemblies

Pupils in Years 7-11 have a weekly Headmaster's Assembly and there are four whole school assemblies per year. The programme of assemblies includes a Religious Education input including topics such as Christmas, Easter, charity work, race & religion, British Values and equalities.

Sixth Form students have a weekly assembly (L6th Tuesday and U6th Wednesday) and also attend the whole school assemblies. The programme of assemblies includes a Religious Education element such as work with the community, personal growth and development and moral awareness.

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