

Religion and Philosophy

“No person in the modern world can be considered educated without a basic knowledge of all the great religions of the world.” – E.D. Hirsch

Through Ark Soane’s Key Stage 3 RE curriculum, students explore the vast and diverse range of religious and non-religious ideas and traditions which have played, and continue to play, a significant role in shaping Great Britain and the world. The curriculum takes an academically ambitious, knowledge-rich approach, ensuring that students have secure knowledge that enables them to both understand and engage with the universal questions which have preoccupied humankind through the ages, as well as the diverse ways in which these questions have been answered.

By studying some of the most significant and enduring ideas and traditions to have arisen through history, students’ understanding of the past, the modern world, humankind, and themselves is enriched. The curriculum ensures that students are prepared both intellectually and personally to engage in a complex, multi-religious and multi-secular world.

At Key Stage 4, students will study the AQA GCSE specification, focusing on Christianity and Islam.

Curriculum overview

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Year 7 | Biblical Literacy: Old Testament - Genesis | Biblical Literacy: Old Testament - Exodus to Exile | Biblical Literacy: New Testament - The Life and Teachings of Jesus | Biblical Literacy: New Testament - Jesus in Jerusalem | Judaism - History and Belief | Judaism in the Modern World & Prophets in Islam |
| Year 8 | Christianity - History and Belief | Christianity in the Modern World | Islam - History and Belief | Islam in the Modern World | Hinduism: History and Belief | Hinduism in the Modern World |
| Year 9 | Buddhism | Philosophy of Religion | Philosophy of Religion | Ethics | Ethics | Sikhism |
| Year 10 (AQA) | Islam - Beliefs and Teaching | Islam - Practices | Christianity - Beliefs and Teaching | Christianity - Practices | Religion, Peace and Conflict | Religion, Peace and Conflict |
| Year 11 (AQA) | Religion and Human Relationships | The Existence of God | Religion and Life | Revision | GCSE exams | GCSE exams |

