

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - YEAR 8



Subject Content

The six half-termly themes studied in Year 8 are 1) Life in Palestine; 2) St Paul; 3) Exodus; 4) Sacraments of Healing; 5) The Cost of Discipleship; 6) Prejudice and Discrimination. In looking at the history of Christianity we also study the Jewish festival of Pesach [Passover]. Links with being a Catholic today and the modern world [modern day disciples] are central themes throughout Year 8.

Assessment

Students have a base line which is the level gained at the end of Year 7. There are two summative assessments; the Christmas exam at the end of the first term and the end of year exam half way through the summer term. In addition to this there is one assessed piece of work which are assigned levels. The level awarded at the end of Y8 RE reflects the attainment throughout all these pieces of work. Pupils are also assessed as a creative thinker and reflective learner and are awarded working towards bronze, silver or gold. Criteria is always shared with pupils to enhance progress.

Teaching Group Arrangements

Pupils are taught in form groups.

Extra Curricular activities and clubs

There is a weekly lunchtime workshop to help students with their work. Students have the opportunity to participate in a class mass and to prepare for Easter through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Skills Developed

Teaching and learning in RE provides the students with an opportunity to develop the following skills:

- Understand the principles of Christian teaching
- Understand the importance of a balanced viewpoint
- Understand the role we each have to play as part of the Christian family of God
- Understand how to select and use relevant information.

Personal learning and thinking skills are constantly being reviewed with particular work carried out to extend pupils' creative thinking and reflective learner skills.

Provision for Gifted and Talented

Students are identified as Gifted and Talented through the assessment database and are set additional pieces of work to complete. The work set offers opportunities to these students to extend topics in order to achieve at a higher level. Individual target statements set for gifted and talented students will also offer the opportunity to pursue extra-curricular tasks such as independent research on the same or additional topics.

How the Work in Year 8 builds on work in Year 7

Year 8 work builds on the bank of knowledge that the pupils have developed in Year 7. In Year 8 we help pupils to understand the impact of religion in history, both in terms of its influence on the lives of individuals and communities and its effect on culture. We do this by examining the importance of rules within religions and their influence upon followers. Year 8 students are required to explain their understanding of these issues in their own words using subject specific vocabulary

Useful Internet websites and other resources

www.request.org.uk

www.bbc.co.uk

www.reonline.org.uk

Daily quality newspapers News and Current Affairs programmes on T.V.

Catechism of the Catholic Church