

# Religious Education

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## Overview

The RE Department at George Salter Academy consists of highly motivated and enthusiastic teachers who are determined to ensure that all students succeed. It is a subject which has great relevance in today's society and enables all those who study it to appreciate and understand the diversity and importance of religion within a community.

## Study Support

The RE Department offers a number of study support sessions for students across different year groups. Key Stage 4 and 5 students are well supported in preparation for their examinations with after school revision, twilight sessions, and holiday activities.

## Trips

There are numerous opportunities for RE trips across all Key Stages throughout the academic year. In the last few years, we have led trips to local places of worship, the Houses of Parliament in London, and a residential to Rome.

In this coming year there are lots of exciting trips planned: trips to an Eco-Centre in Wales, trips to the theatre and lots more.

There are also further extra-curricular opportunities in the Department, such as visits to local places of worship and trips to the Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre to see "Jesus Christs Superstar".

## What the students say about the department

"RE is about sharing your own opinions but listening to others viewpoints. Its where you can get your point across without being afraid."

"The teachers really care about us."

## Contact

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## Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8)

RE is compulsory for all students at Key Stage 3.

## Year 7

Topics covered:

- Introduction to World Religions
- Festivals & Celebrations
- Morality through Art
- Buddhism

## **Trips**

Places of worship: Students visit a range of places of worship, to ensure they have deeper understanding of the meanings each place of worship holds for each religion.

## **Year 8**

Students cover more moral issues such as Human rights, Prejudice and discrimination, Charities and study these from a number of different perspectives, including secular views.

- Religion and Animal Rights
- Religion, Prejudice and Discrimination
- Judaism & the Holocaust

## **Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11)**

Students who choose to study GCSE RE will follow the EDUQAS Religious Studies: Route A. They will study two religions and 4 philosophy and ethical themes.

The GCSE course is assessed by 100% external examination.

The topics include:

- Christianity: Beliefs
- Christianity: Practices
- Judaism: Beliefs
- Judaism: Practices
- Issues of Life and Death
- Issues of Relationships
- Issues of Good and Evil
- Issues of Human Rights

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
GCSE	18.2% A*-A 73% A*-C 100% A*-G	33.3% A*-A 67% - A*-C 100% - A*-G	55.2% A*-A 91.4 % - A*-C 98.3% - A*-G

National attainment 2016: 29.5% A\*-A, 71.6% A\*-C, 98% A\*-G

## **Key Stage 5 / Post-16**

The department is now providing students with the exciting opportunity to study A-level RE. Students will follow the AQA Religious Studies specification.

This requires students to develop an insight into Philosophy and Ethics, whilst exploring other religious beliefs in depth.

The course is 100% exam based, with all exams being sat at the end of the two year course.

Topics studied:

- The Study of Christianity and dialogues
- Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

We are celebrating excellent exam results this year.

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
AS	75% - A*-C	88% - A*-C 100% - Pass
A2	100% - A*-C	50% - A*-C 100% - Pass