

Theology



Why study Theology?

Theology at St Peter's Academy makes a unique contribution to the students' curriculum by developing their knowledge and understanding of beliefs, practices and traditions, both religious and secular, to understand their influence on individuals, communities in the world they live in. It enables pupils to consider and respond to a range of important questions related to their own spiritual development, the development of values and attitudes and fundamental questions concerning the meaning and purpose of life. These studies, explored in the context of events in today's world, promotes students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and prepares all students for opportunities, responsibilities and experiences they will experience in the present and the future.

What skills will I develop?

- Understand details from the news and comment on links to religious debates in the past and present.
- Critical thinking and people solving.
- Collaboration as you debate key questions and issues with students and staff.
- Empathy and stewardship as we learn about collective and individual rights and responsibilities.
- Resilience and courage to share your own point of view orally and in writing.

What will I study?

Unit 1: Ultimate Questions

In this unit you will explore your own understanding of what you believe to be true or real. You will explore why a study of peoples' religious beliefs or lack of religious belief is important to individuals and to Society as a whole. You will also explore where our laws come from and the rights and responsibilities we have to ourselves and others.

Unit 2: Comparative Religion

In this unit you will explore the origins of religious belief and how the major faiths are linked through their origins. You will also study features that religions share such as features of worship, holy books and festivals. Finally, you will explore and debate the importance of religion in the world today.

Unit 3: The Life of Jesus

You will study the life of Jesus as God incarnate, a miracle worker, a teacher and a role model. You will also explore the significance of His death and resurrection and how this is portrayed through religious festivals such as Christmas and Easter.

Unit 4: Buddhism

In this unit you will explore the features of Buddhist belief and the impact this has on the daily lives and moral code of this faith. You will outline and explain why there are different types of Buddhists and explore the places that have sacred significance to them. You will also study the symbolism and celebrations practiced in Buddhism.

Unit 5: Prejudice & Discrimination

In this unit you will explore the issue of slavery from a religious perspective. You will explore the impact of prejudice and discrimination on society and explore how religious teachings can help stop discrimination. You will also

explore the contribution of key figures such as Wilberforce and Martin Luther King to making the world a more equitable place.

Unit 6: Islam

In this unit you will explore Islam in the UK today and the faith's contribution to society. You will also study the key beliefs of Islam and how this affects the daily lives and moral code of Muslims. You will also study the importance of key figures in the faith such as the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and the significance of celebrations such as Eid.

