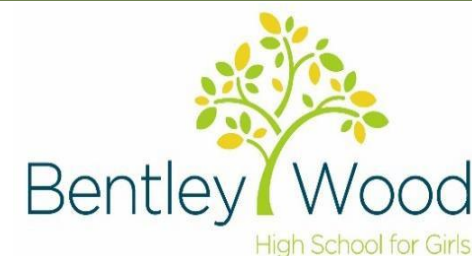


Philosophy and Religious Studies Department

Curriculum Overview



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Key Stage 3

Philosophy and Religious Studies students are provided with an understanding of the core ideas of all the major world religions. They are encouraged to ask philosophical questions, to use reason to get at truths and to evaluate arguments on complex issues. Our lessons increase a sense of awe and wonder within and beyond the local community. Students will also gain a vocabulary of key terms which will help them to become more theologically and philosophically literate.

Key Stage 4

At GCSE the students' religious knowledge is built upon so they have an in depth understanding of Christianity and Buddhism, they are taught how to develop their ability to think in a more sophisticated way about humanity's biggest questions. A sense of awe and wonder is fostered and many students begin to explore academic ideas independently from the classroom.

Key Stage 5

Students move away from the study of religion, but continue to develop the skills of understanding abstract ideas and concepts, thinking critically about them and formulating arguments in relation to these concepts. Students study fascinating topics such as the ethics of simulated killing, what we mean by ethical terms such as 'right' and 'wrong' and the evaluate the relationship between the mind and consciousness.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Y7	Worldviews and the world	Ancient Egyptian religion	Community religious project	Judaism	Christianity	Islam

Y8	The Odyssey	The Odyssey	An introduction to Philosophy of Religion	Hinduism	Buddhism	Sikhism
Y9	The Big Questions	Critical Thinking	Christianity: beliefs and Teachings	Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings	Religion and Life	Religion and Life
Y10	Buddhism Beliefs, Teachings and Practices			Thematic Studies: Existence of God and Revelation & Religion, Peace and Conflict		
Y11	Christianity Practices	Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice		Revision	Exams	Exams
Y12	Utilitarianism	Kantian Ethics	Virtue Ethics	Meta-Ethics	Exams	Philosophy project
Y 13	Attributes of God	Arguments relating to the existence of God	Religious Language	Revision		