

Welcome to the RE department



Religious studies at Loxford is about teaching tolerance and understanding. It's about preparing students and giving them the skill to flourish as able and qualified participants of a multi-cultural, multi-faith society.

Religious education makes a distinctive contribution to the school curriculum by developing pupils' knowledge and understanding of religion, religious beliefs, practices, language and traditions and their influence on individuals, communities, societies and cultures.

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. The RE department at Loxford are a successful and dedicated team who are committed to the students enjoyment and development in religious studies.

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At KS3 pupils study a variety of different topics. We aim to create an inclusive environment so we aim to study the majority of the major world religions over years 7 and 8 with an open and broad perspective. In year 7 we build on pupils prior knowledge and study world religions as a foundation for their study in year 8 and beyond.

In year 7 we study the following:	In year 8 we take a thematic approach, looking at topics from the perspective of different religions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridging unit• Christianity• Hinduism• Judaism• Citizenship• Major religious festivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspirational figures• Rites of passage• Religion and art• Evil and suffering• Citizenship

From Yr 9 onwards students study and work towards their GCSE in RE. We follow the Eduqas examination syllabus and students study the following 3 papers: Philosophy and Ethics, Christianity and Islam. In the Christianity and Islamic papers students study the beliefs and teachings of each faith whilst within the Philosophy and Ethics paper students study different philosophical, moral and ethical issues such as life after death, how to treat the environment, the creation of life and the different Christian, Muslim and non-religious views and responses to them.

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Students who chose to continue their studies further at A level RE will study 3 areas: Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics and Christianity. We follow the Eduqas examination syllabus which is a 2 year course with the main exams being at the end of year 13. Students study the following:

Component 1- Christianity	Component 2- Philosophy	Component 3- Ethics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus's birth and resurrection• The Bible as a source of wisdom and authority• The development and formation of the Bible• Different scholarly views of Jesus• The religious concepts of the nature of God, the Trinity and atonement• Religious Life including a study of the key moral principles such as charity and the community of believers• Attitudes towards the following issues: wealth, migration and equality and discrimination• The relationship between religion and science• Historical developments in religious thought• Religious identity through baptism, the Eucharist; festivals such as Christmas and Easter; unification; religious experience, responses to poverty and injustice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Cosmological Argument• The Teleological Argument• The Ontological Argument• The Problem of evil and suffering• Religious belief as a product of the human mind• Issues relating to the rejection of religion• Religious experience• Religious language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethical Thought• Natural Law and Proportionalism and its application to the ethical issues of abortion, voluntary euthanasia, immigration and capital punishment• Situation Ethics and its application to the ethical issues of homosexuality, polyamorous relationships• Utilitarianism and its application to the animal experimentation and the use of nuclear weapons• Determinism and Free will

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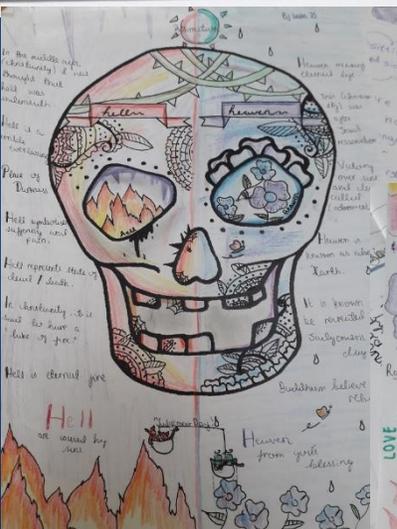
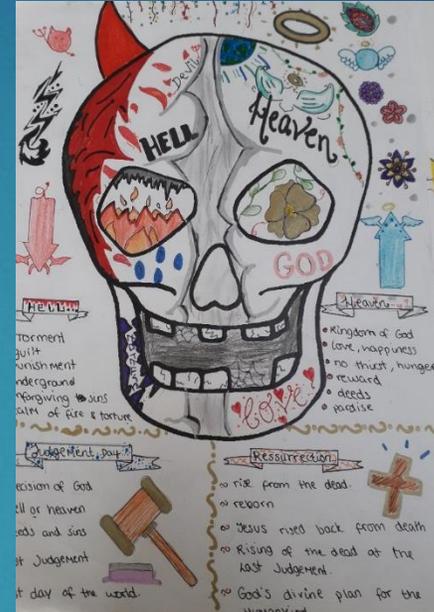
Our results:

In 2019 our students achieved:

89% grades 9-4 at GCSE

85% A*-D at A level

Student Work:



heaven → hell

Have a go!



How many religious artefacts can you identify and name? Take the quiz (word doc) to find out!

OR click on the links below to take the quiz and see how much you know about the different religions!

- ▶ Islam: http://www.rsrevision.com/games/islam_wp.html
- ▶ Judaism: <http://www.rsrevision.com/games/judaism/judaism.html>
- ▶ Rites of Passage: http://www.rsrevision.com/games/rites_of_passage.html
- ▶ Sikhism: <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks3/religious-education/sikhism-01/>
- ▶ Christianity: <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks3/religious-education/christianity-02/>
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