



St Benedict's Catholic School

The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk

RE CURRICULUM GUIDE 2016

Year 7 Autumn

Students will begin the year learning about what RE looks like at St Benedict's, and the importance of studying R.E.

All Year 7 students will complete a **baseline assessment** to assess their current ability.

Students will complete a unit of work based around **Pilgrimage**. This will include looking at what pilgrimage is and the significance which it has to religious believers. It will be studied from the perspective of Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Christians. As part of the work on Christian pilgrimage, students will attend a whole year pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Students will then complete a unit of work entitled '**The Fundamentals**.' This will cover key aspects of the Christian faith including the Trinity, the Bible, Prayer and the Church.

The final unit of work this term is based around '**The Saviour**'. This explores why Jesus is considered a saviour, what makes Him so important, Biblical descriptions of Jesus' birth and how we can prepare for Christmas.

Extra Information:

- Homework is regularly set for students to complete, based on the topics studied in class. These will vary between short weekly tasks and longer project based activities.
- Regular assessments will take place, especially at the end of each topic
- Please encourage your child to keep up to date with current RE news items.
- The RE department works closely with the Chaplaincy Team to care for the religious needs of your child. This often involves retreats, trips and visits from outside speakers.

Year 7 Spring

Students will begin the term looking at how **Jesus makes a difference**. This will involve looking at Biblical examples of how Jesus helped people before assessing if Jesus still makes a difference today. Mother Teresa will be studied amongst other examples of Christians who help others. Biblical teachings such as the Good Samaritan will be looked at before exploring how we can each make a positive difference to other people's lives.

Students will then move on to look at **Inspirational People**. Within this they will study a number of Saints including St Benedict and St Francis of Assisi. Why Mary is admired will be looked at as well as more recent Christians including Eric Liddell and current Christian celebrities.

Year 7 will then look at the importance of **Easter**, discussing whether it has become too commercialised and studying the real meaning behind it.

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Year 7 Summer

Students will begin by studying '**The Creation of the Church**'. This topic includes looking at the role of Peter, Paul and the early disciples. It discusses community, Mass, prosecution and the role of the Priest. Students will explore whether it is easier to become a Christian now or if was easier in the past.

An ethical topic will be studied next with students exploring how **animals** should be treated. This looks at animal testing and Christian teachings on stewardship.

As part of their Sex and Relationships Education, students will explore **love and commitment**, particularly in the context of marriage.

In the final topic of the year, students study **Hinduism**, focusing on how beliefs influence behaviour and practice.

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