



St Benedict's Catholic School

The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk

RE CURRICULUM GUIDE 2016

Year 8 Autumn

Students will begin the year learning about what RE looks like at St Benedict's.

The first major topic of the year is based around The Existence of God. Pupils will explore what God is like and we can learn about this e.g. through the Bible and nature. Students will then look at several arguments e.g. the Design and Cosmological Argument. Students will study miracles before assessing if belief in God is reasonable.

Students will then look at **The Church in Britain**. This looks at how it came to Britain and the struggles and divisions which it encountered.

Pupils will look at **The Liturgical Calendar**. They will study which days are important to Catholics and why and how these are celebrated for example Easter, Pentecost and Christmas.

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Students will study the **Sacraments**. They will look at each of the Sacraments in turn to study what they involve and why they are important.

As part of our school's **Sex Education** Programme, students will study e-safety and the problems associated with technology and relationships e.g. sexting.

Within **Life as a Journey**, students will reflect on how their own life is a journey and explore how labyrinths can be used to reflect this. Students will create their own labyrinth.

Pupils will study what **Hunger Cloths** are and how symbolism can be used to portray religious messages. Pupils will create their own Hunger Cloth.

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Pupils will explore the issue of **sacrifice**. This will focus on Jesus' sacrifice and studying the Mass and its importance to Catholics.

Students will complete a topic entitled '**Giving**'. This allows students to study how Christians believe we should use our money wisely.

The final topic of Year 8 is a study of Islam. Students will look at what Muslims believe and how they put these beliefs into practice.

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