



# St Benedict's Catholic School

*The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk*

## RE CURRICULUM GUIDE 2016

### Year 10 Autumn

In Year 10 students will begin their studies towards their RE GCSE. Students will complete:

Students should know their AQA **GCSE syllabus** and assessment criteria.

Students will begin the year completing the **Judaism** part of the course. This will begin by initially studying **Beliefs and Teaching**:

The Nature of God: God as one, God as creator, God as Law-giver and Judge, God as living and merciful

The Divine Presence

Key beliefs about life after death including judgement and resurrection

The nature and role of the Messiah

The covenant and the mitzvot including healing the world, charity, justice, kindness to others, the importance of the sanctity of human life, free will

Students will complete the next part of the **Judaism** topic, **Practices**:

The Synagogue and worship: its importance, its design and religious features, public acts of worship, Shabbat in the synagogue and at home, worship in the home, Tenakh and Talmud

Family life and festivals: Rituals and their significance e.g. Bar and Bat Mitzvah, the marriage ceremony, mourning rituals, dietary laws and their significance – kosher, trefah, milk and meat, festivals and their importance for Jews in Great Britain today: Pesach, Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah

- **Homework:** Students will be given set pieces of homework to complete. In addition, students are expected to learn the key words and quotes provided throughout the course, in preparation for their final exams. In addition students should be listening to the news to connect their understanding of what is studied in lessons to current issues in the world. They can also be reading the Bible. At any time they can complete past exam questions which their teachers can mark or provide if required.

### Year 10 Spring

Students will continue with their GCSE studies, beginning on the ethics part of the course. Students will complete:

#### **Relationships and Families**

Relationships and the human condition – love and sexuality: communion and complementarity

Perspectives on relationships – marriage, cohabitation, divorce and separation

Families and responsibilities – roles of men, women and children within the family

Gender, equality and discrimination – equality of women and men

## **Peace and Conflict**

Christian perspectives on human violence, justice, forgiveness and reconciliation

Christian perspectives on societal war and just war

Holy war and pacifism

Christian perspectives on terrorism and Christian initiatives in conflict resolution and peace making

## **Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice**

Human rights and religious freedom

Perspectives on wealth

Perspectives on poverty

Prejudice and discrimination

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## **Year 10 Summer**

Students will continue with their GCSE studies, beginning on the Catholic part of the course.

Students will complete:

### **Creation:**

The Bible

The origin of the Bible, its structure and key literary forms, including law, history and prophecy.

The meaning and significance of Catholic understanding of inspiration and of the Bible as the revealed Word of God.

Biblical teachings on creation

Scientific views on creation

Creation and art – Michelangelo's Creation of Adam

The Sanctity of Life

Divine Law

Stewardship

### **Incarnation**

Abortion

When does life begin?

Christian views on abortion

Jesus as the incarnation

Jesus: Fully God and fully human

Teachings about helping others

The Beatitudes

Grace

Jesus in art and in statues/sculptures

Christian symbols

The Sacraments

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