

Religious Studies

RS is at the heart of the curriculum at St Mary's, providing a foundation for your child's future. Many skills are gained through RS, challenging your child to apply their knowledge; remember key facts; apply their beliefs to everyday life situations and have the ability to evaluate contrasting views. RS addresses fundamental human questions and allows discourse to occur. In providing these opportunities in RS, your child will have the ability to think deeply about complex issues, and inspire them to live out the Gospel values both in and out of school.

Staffing

Mrs Conway Curriculum Leader for RS

Mrs Lowe 2nd in RS

Miss Wilson Teacher of RS and Pastoral leader for Year 7

Miss Jones Teacher of RS and Temporary Pastoral leader for Year 10

Mrs Pilling Teacher of RS and SLT for Catholic Ethos and Pupil Development

Curriculum

The following topics are studied at KS3.

	<u>Autumn Term</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer term</u>
<u>Year 7</u>	Creation and Covenant; Prophecy and Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem; Desert to Garden	To the ends of the earth
<u>Year 8</u>	A Covenant people; Judaism	Jesus and the New Covenant; Eucharist – living out the Covenant	Christianity; from small sect to worldwide religion
<u>Year 9</u>	Believing in God; Islam	Further studies on Islam; Creation	Jewish Beliefs and Practices; Creation

The following units are studied at KS4.

Pupils have **2** lessons per week in year 10 and **3** lessons per week in year 11.

	<u>Autumn Term</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer term</u>
<u>Year 10</u>	Creation; Incarnation; Trinity	Trinity; Redemption	Church; Eschatology
<u>Year 11</u>	Eschatology; Relationships and families	Human rights and social justice	Revision

Extra-curricular activities and visits

The RS department works closely with Chaplaincy, developing the spiritual growth of your child. Each year your child will be given the opportunity to develop their beliefs through a number of extra curricular activities.

Year 7: Friendship Day

Year 8: Pilgrimage

Year 9: Relationships Day

Year 10: Residential Retreat

Year 11: Various opportunities to lead and support Worship both in and out of school.

Charity: Thinking of others is at the heart of our faith. Each year group supports a different charity, with many events taking place throughout the year.

Revision sessions: Pupils at KS4 are offered revision sessions before both internal and external examinations.