

Curriculum Intent

RPE Department

Our Ethos



As RPE teachers, our aim is to provide students with a challenging, engaging, and intellectually rigorous curriculum that develops substantive knowledge over time.

Students encounter a wide range of religious and non-religious worldviews through the study of sacred texts, scholarship, lived experience and personal reflection. As a scripture-rich department, students work directly with sources including the Tanakh, the Bible and English translations of the Qur'an, developing an understanding that interpretation is both inevitable and central to religious belief and practice. Through theological, philosophical and ethical enquiry, students learn to ask not only what people believe, but how those beliefs are shaped, justified and understood.

Every lesson and every unit of work is underpinned by three key questions:

1. What do we know? (Substantive knowledge)
2. How do we know it? (Ways of knowing: theology, philosophy, scholarship and interpretation)
3. What do you think about it? (Personal knowledge and reflection)

Our Aims

5 Year Plan

By the time students complete their study of RPE at Ecclesfield School, they will have developed a secure understanding of a range of religious and non-religious worldviews and the ways in which these have shaped individuals, communities and societies throughout history and in the contemporary world. They will be confident in analysing and interpreting sources of authority, evaluating different viewpoints, reflecting on their own beliefs and assumptions, and engaging respectfully with the views of others. They will be intellectually curious, thoughtful and prepared to participate in an increasingly diverse and interconnected society.

Skills

- Inquiring
- Reflecting
- Expressing
- Learning from others
- Making connections

Knowledge

Students will develop substantive knowledge of religion, philosophy and ethics through the study of religious and non-religious worldviews, sacred texts, lived religion, philosophical arguments and ethical issues. They will understand how beliefs develop over time, how interpretation influences meaning, and how religion continues to shape human experience at personal, national, and global levels.

Work Hard | Be Kind | Aim High | Show GRIT