



Archbishop Tenison's

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL



# Religious Studies Curriculum

- *All pupils in Year 7 have one lesson of Religious Studies a week and one lesson of Biblical Studies a week.*
- *Most of our curriculum is based on Christianity. We also learn about the other five 'main' world faiths.*
- *In Year 7 pupils study Religious Studies;*
  - *Introduction to RS*
  - *Judaism*
  - *The Life and Times of Jesus*
- *Also pupils do Biblical Studies;*
  - *Heroes and Heroines of the Old Testament*
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# What's great about Religious Studies at Tenison's?

- *As well as learning about faith we hope to give pupils regular opportunities for discussion where they can express their own ideas and beliefs, as well as learning from the ideas and beliefs of others.*
- *Pupils enjoy the opportunity to investigate their own faith if they are members of a faith community and also to investigate key questions like;*
  - *Does God exist?*
  - *Why are there so many religions, and is any religion completely 'true'?*
  - *If God does exist why is there suffering, pain and evil in the world?*



# Opportunities and Successes

- *We aim to have visits in school from our chaplain and other local church leaders who can talk to our students about the value of faith.*
- *Pupils and students last year visited St Paul's Cathedral, Tate Modern, London Central Gurdwara and London Central Mosque.*
- *Religious Studies and Biblical Studies/Theology lessons run alongside the programme of assemblies, in school in which pupils can participate, to help the development and expression of faith.*
- *About 25% of students in sixth form study Religious Studies and A Level. Every year one or two pupils go on to study Theology at university, although RS also supports many careers in professions such Medicine, Nursing, Teaching and Social Work.*