## RE

## Intent



Religious Education is an academic subject which gives pupils the opportunity to study religion from a theological; philosophical and sociological lens; address challenging questions about the meaning & purpose of life; beliefs about God; ultimate reality; is sues of right & wrong and what it means to be human.

In RE pupils learn about religious and non-religious worldviews in order to discover, explore and consider different answers to these questions. They learn to interpret, analyse, evaluate and critically respond to the claims that religious & non-religious worldviews make.

South Tyneside has a long and proud history of being a diverse and tolerant community, with people of all religions and those with none. RE at Hebburn Comprehensive School reflects our diverse community, providing opportunities for our young people to explore their own and other people's beliefs, values and traditions. Throughout the key stages, opportunities are provided for pupils to develop their knowledge and understanding of religions and world views, critical thinking and personal reflection.

The curriculum is planned to ensure that the range of enquiry questions are explored – philosophical, theological, phenomenological, sociological and ethical enquiries – using the South Tyneside Agreed Syllabus. Christianity is systematically taught as the main religious worldview in Britain, alongside Islam, Buddhism and Humanism. Other religions and worldviews, such as Hindu Dharma, Judaism and Sikhism are taught through thematic studies across KS3 and KS4 Core RS.

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| Topics | What is Religion & Worldviews?           | What does it mean to be a Muslim?                       | Is death the end?  How do Christians  | Eduqas GCSE Issues of Human Rights Issues of Good & Evil                  | Eduqas GCSE Issues of Relationships Issues of Life and Death |
|        | Does God Exist?  What does it mean to be | Is it the duty of religions to fight against prejudice? | make moral decisions?                 | Christian Beliefs Muslim Beliefs                                          | Christian Practices  Muslim Practices                        |
|        | a Buddhist?                              | What does it mean to be a Humanist?                     | How is religion treated in the media? | CORE RE Can taking a life ever be justified? Capital Punishment, abortion | CORE RE Can taking a life ever be justified? Euthanasia      |