

Religious Education – Alternative KS4 curriculum

Rationale:

At St Aidan's we pride ourselves on providing suitable opportunities for our student to flourish. 10D4 are taking alternative qualifications in RE to allow them to learn about religious beliefs and values, while reflecting on their own beliefs and values. This class will pursue alternative, more suitable, qualifications rather than study the GCSE RE course which will allow them more time to explore religious concepts, without the pressures of formal examinations. When studying for these qualifications, students are also encouraged to develop skills in reasoning, problem solving, analysing, literacy, numeracy, and ICT. These skills are intended to enable the students to succeed across all subjects and within the world around them.

ASDAN:

The ASDAN Beliefs and Teachings Short Course provides students with the opportunity to develop beliefs and values knowledge and use this effectively. The ASDAN course aims to develop a wide range of core skills in young people, including teamwork, problem solving, communication, managing your own learning and performance and conducting research. Students need to complete six units to gain their ASDAN Beliefs and Teachings Short Course qualification.

The course will enable students to:

- Respect different beliefs and values and how they contribute to a multicultural/multifaith society.
- Gain an awareness of the impact that humans have on the environment and how they and believers can protect our planet.
- Become responsible citizens, understanding how ethics and laws are needed for a fair and just society.
- Appreciate the value of peace in society and the impact of conflict.
- Understand how religions express their beliefs through worship and action.
- Explore the concept of inspiration.

AQA Unit Award Scheme:

AQA's Unit Award Scheme allows all students to engage with learning and have their achievements formally recognised. Students are rewarded with a certificate each time they successfully complete a unit of learning. They build up a portfolio of certificates to evidence their skills, knowledge, and experience. The scheme boosts confidence, increases engagement, and improves motivation, helping students to make progress on their lifelong learning journey. Each bullet point in the green sections below are separate units, leading to an AQA Unit Award certificate.

Assessment:

Both ASDAN and the AQA Unit Award Scheme are teacher assessed. Work in lessons is completed and saved as a portfolio which is assessed at the end of the unit. For ASDAN students will gain a Short Course qualification at the end of all six units; for the AQA Unit Award Scheme, students will receive a certificate for each completed unit.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Y10 ASDAN Beliefs and Values Short Course AQA Units	ASDAN Beliefs and Practices Developing an understanding of different religions and how they express their beliefs through worship and actions.	AQA Units Christianity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment • Worship • Places of Worship • Festivals • Global Concerns • Conflict • The Right to Life 	AQA Units St Mark's Gospel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus' Ministry • Jesus' Suffering, Death and Resurrection • Jesus' Relationships with Others • Discipleship 	ASDAN Inspiration To develop an understanding of inspiration as a religious and non-religious experience.	<i>Additional time as units will not fit perfectly into a half term.</i> <i>Complete Inspiration, possibly start Environment.</i>	ASDAN Environment To develop an understanding of the significant impact that we have on the environment and how to take responsibility for our actions.
Y11	ASDAN Crime and Punishment To develop an understanding of what it means to be a responsible citizen and the laws necessary for society to function justly and fairly.	ASDAN Values, Beliefs and Decision Making Developing an understanding of personal qualities, values and beliefs, and the role they play in decision making.	AQA Units Philosophy of Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Characteristics of God • Science and Religion • The Existence of God • The Afterlife 	ASDAN Peace and Conflict Develop an understanding of the value of peace in society and the impact of conflict.	AQA Units Religious Philosophy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Problem of Evil and Suffering • Miracles • Revelation Religious Expressions in Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Architecture • Religious Art • Religious Music 	