



Theology and Philosophy @CSG

Why study Theology and Philosophy?

More and more we find that beliefs, culture and systems of belonging are changing the way in which our world is structured. It is impossible to understand the world today without having a good understanding of what people believe, how they express those beliefs and why.



Structure and Assessment at KS3

At Key Stage 3 level, all students will have one period of Theology and Philosophy per week. Each term we will cover one topic. At the end of each topic all students will sit an end of topic test which will partly determine each student's level for that term.



Year 7 in Theology and Philosophy

Term 1: The teachings of the Buddha

In the first term, students will look at the key concepts of Buddhism, including Samsara, Anatta, Anicca and Moksha

Term 2: The Historical Jesus

In the second term, we will examine the evidence for the existence of Jesus as an historical figure and try to understand who he was and what he represented for his followers in first century Palestine.

Term 3: Hinduism in Modern Britain

In the summer, we turn our attention to Hinduism, looking at the key beliefs and practices of the religion, whilst examining how Hindu tradition is maintained in the context of modern Britain.

Year 8 in Theology and Philosophy

Term 1: Islam in Modern Britain

What are Muslims expected to do? What beliefs lie at the heart of Islam? How are these beliefs and practices maintained in modern Britain? What are the challenges of being a Muslim in Britain in 2020?

Term 2: Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics

How do we decide which actions are right or wrong? Is it more important to be happy, or to be free? Is there any way to prove that God exists?

Term 3: Faith in Action

In this topic, we turn our attention to those figures who were motivated by their faith to change the societies in which they lived: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, William Wilberforce, Ghaffar Khan and others.

Year 9 in Theology and Philosophy

Term 1:

What is a Cult?

What is the definition of a religion: a system of practices? Of ethics? Of metaphysical beliefs? Having defined religion, which new religious groups - Scientology, Mormonism, Plymouth Brethren, Nation of Islam - can be seen as genuine religions and which are harmful cults?

Term 2: Judaism and the Covenant

What does it mean to say that the Jewish people have a covenant with God? How is this concept described in the Bible? Does the theology of the covenant make sense in the context of the Holocaust?

Term 3: Introduction to Christian Theology

What are the key tenets of the Christian religion? What do modern Christians believe about the atonement, the incarnation, the creation and the problem of Evil

Trips and Away Days

Over the past few years the Theology and Philosophy department has taken our students out to visit a wide variety of places of worship and of religious significance including the Buddhist Centre in Bethnal Green, the Neasden Temple, the Regent's Park Mosque and the Jewish Museum in Camden Town.

