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Key Stage 3 teaching follows the guidance of the Hertfordshire Agreed Syllabus. The emphasis is that students should learn from and about religions; assessment of student work is based on these criteria.

Students follow a series of modules to develop their understanding of Christianity and other major world religions. Students are introduced to philosophical concepts such as: What does it mean to be human? Why do people suffer? Students are encouraged to formulate and express their own views, and are expected to listen carefully to the views of others.

Each year, Year 7 students participate in a trip to a Sikh Temple and a group of Year 9 students represent the school at a Holocaust Memorial Service, where they engage with a holocaust survivor.

At GCSE, all students are currently entered for a short course in GCSE Religious Studies. They are taught the syllabus in one lesson a week. The course is based on a study of Christianity and one other religion.

Students are required to gain knowledge and understanding of religious and non-religious perspectives on a range of philosophical and ethical issues. Students are also taught to analyse ideas critically and give supporting reasons for their own views. They have the chance to share views with speakers such as rabbis and a female reverend of the Church of England.