



THE INDEPENDENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL: DURHAM

RE Curriculum Overview

Whole School Curriculum Map (Years 1–6)

Year Group	Michaelmas 1	Michaelmas 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Trinity 1	Trinity 2
Year 1	Christianity: Jesus' Parables	The Christmas Story	Places of Worship	The Easter Story	Religious Festivals	Respecting other religions
Year 2	Celebrations of Light	The Christmas Story	Holy books	The Easter Story	Religion and Rituals	Respecting other religions
Year 3	Holy books: Islam and Christianity focus	Preparing for Christmas	Saints of the North East	Festivals: Eid, Holi, Lent and Easter	Figures of the Old Testament	The Church Year
Year 4	Holy places: churches and cathedrals	Advent and how Christians celebrate Christmas	Parables and miracles	Lent and Easter	Special prayers	Inspiring Christians
Year 5	The miracles of Jesus	The True Meaning of Christmas	The Prophet Muhammad	What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?	Hindu gods and goddesses	Religious ceremonies
Year 6	Christian denominations	Christmas around the world	The Foundations of Islam	Pilgrimages	Buddhism	Sikhism

Curriculum Intent

At The Independent Grammar School: Durham, our RE curriculum is designed to:

- Develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and worldviews
- Encourage respect, tolerance and empathy for people of different faiths and beliefs
- Explore big questions about life, meaning and morality
- Develop pupils' ability to reflect, discuss and make connections between beliefs, values and their own lives
- Follow a coherent, progressive sequence of knowledge and skills

Implementation

- RE is taught through high-quality, engaging lessons
- Topics are taught in a coherent sequence across the year
- Lessons develop knowledge, vocabulary and the ability to reflect and discuss
- Pupils use stories, artefacts, visits, visitors and a range of resources to deepen their understanding
- Regular retrieval practice and assessment support long-term retention

Impact

Pupils will:

- Know more about the beliefs, practices and festivals of a range of religions and worldviews
- Understand and respect different perspectives
- Be able to discuss and reflect on big questions about life and morality
- Develop empathy, tolerance and a sense of global citizenship
- Be well-prepared for the next stage of their education



RE helps children make sense of the world, respect others and reflect on life's big questions, inspiring them to be thoughtful, compassionate citizens.