

TRANSITION

Subject: Religious Education

Head of Department: Miss Parsons

Work/topics covered in the first term

Half term 1 – What are the big questions in life?

This is a topic designed to introduce students to the style of RE delivered here at Blessed Edwards and to get them thinking outside of the box. RE is based on inquiry questions to develop their thinking and questioning ability – an important skill for RE. During this topic students will be asked such questions as:

- Who is God?
- Are miracles real?
- What is my definite purpose?
- Is life sacred?
- Where does morality come from?
- What is real?

Half term 2– What is Christianity?

This topic is an exploration of the history of Christianity. The main purpose of this topic is to give students a firm understanding of the wider Christian faith, its denominations and its history. Before students are able to understand Catholicism, it is important that they first have a solid foundation of where the Church has come from to be able to understand the Church today. During this topic students will explore:

- Abrahamic faiths
- The early Church and Saint Paul
- The establishment of Roman Catholicism
- The Reformation and Catholics in England (inc martyrs like Blessed Edward)
- Different denominations in Christianity
- What makes Catholicism so unique

Here are some additional resources that you can use to prepare you for September:

- Book: 'The pig that wants to be eaten'
- The Real Meaning of Faith 'Faith for Catholic teenagers' (blog)
- <https://www.youtube.com> 'Who is God? Catholic Central'
- <https://www.youtube.com> 'BrainPop Ethics
- www.psychologytoday.com 'Does the soul exist?'
- <https://1000wordphilosophy.com> 'Descartes, I think therefore I am'
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvPamPGiMxw> (Documentary: Children of Abraham)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zrpcwmn/revision/1>
- [19th- and 20th-Century Roman Catholic Churches](#)