

Wickersley School Religious Studies Department



Meet the department

The RS department is based in E block along with the other Humanities subjects (History & Geography). We have four specialist RS teachers:



Ms Oakes



Mrs Scotson



Mrs Berry



Miss Gill

What is Religious Studies?

Religious Studies is about MUCH MORE than just learning about different religions.

As well as learning about different religious beliefs & practises we will also look at non-religious ideas & beliefs.



But our lessons are not just about understanding what other people believe and do, you will consider your own opinion about big questions, such as 'Are ghosts real?' or 'Who/what created the universe?' In doing so you will develop the ability to share and justify your own opinion whilst being able to listen to and engage with the opinions of others.

We're looking forward to meeting you

Normally we would get to do some transition work with you in school before the summer but sadly not this year!

Hopefully you can complete some of these tasks before September either on your own or with your family/carers.

Task 1 – Places of Worship

Visit the website *Truetube* and take a tour of the holy buildings that are used within the world religions.

<https://www.truetube.co.uk/list?search=cribs&page=1>

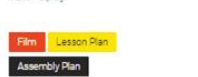
Once you've watched a video here's an example of some things you could do:

- Try **making a leaflet** to hand out to someone who would be visiting the place of worship: Let them know what they need to think about before visiting (e.g. special clothing), give them key information to help them discover the key parts of the building whilst walking around.
- **Get creative** and make a model version of a chosen place of worship (could you use Lego, Minecraft, shoebox?)
- **Draw and label** the key features or objects you would find inside a place of worship. Try to explain what they are used for during worship.



Holy Cribs: The Mosque

Omar welcomes TrueTube to London Central Mosque and we're given the full tour - even up the minaret! Omar talks about the features of a traditional mosque and shows us how Muslims pray.



Holy Cribs: The Mandir

Niraj gives TrueTube a tour of Shri Sivammarayan Mandir in North-West London, explaining its most important features and his beliefs as a Hindu.



Holy Cribs: The Vihara

Two young Buddhists called Rushika and Amle welcome TrueTube to their Vihara in West London. We're given the full tour and learn about Buddhist beliefs and worship.



Holy Cribs: The Synagogue

Natasha welcomes TrueTube to the New London Synagogue for a tour of all its main features. Taking us from the door to the Ark to the women's gallery, she talks about her beliefs and what happens during a...



Holy Cribs: The Church

From the Nave to the High Altar... Nicholas shows TrueTube around Southwark Cathedral. We're given an insight into Christianity and learn about the typical features of a church.



Holy Cribs: The Anglican Church

Alice and Bethany take us on a tour around their Church and share their personal experiences and views about their faith - highlighting the significance of certain artefacts, expressing their thoughts about being baptised and demonstrating what happens...



Holy Cribs: The Mormon Chapel

Lewis and Leanda welcome TrueTube to the Hyde Park Mormon Chapel to give a guided tour, and talk about the main beliefs of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - LDS for short.



Holy Cribs: The Gurdwara

Ramajot, a young Sikh, gives TrueTube a tour of his Gurdwara, the Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Southall. He shows us the prayer hall, the dining hall and even the Guru Granth Sahib's bedroom!



Task 2 – Take a Quiz



Test yourself and see how much of an RS whizz you are already by taking one of the quizzes on the following website:

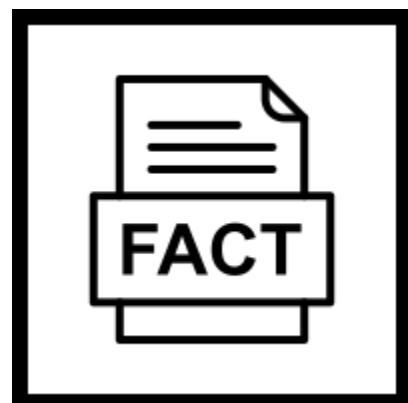
<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/religious-education/>

Task 3 – Make a Factfile

Pick a topic that is linked to Religious Studies, for example:

- A celebrity atheist (someone who is known for speaking out about not believing in a God)
- One of the major world religion or a lesser well known religion e.g. Taoism
- A religious festival or ritual

After doing some research on the topic create a factfile to show what you have learned.



Task 4 – Dinner Time Discussions

Pick one of the questions from below and discuss it with someone else. Can you keep a record of who agrees and disagrees with each other? Or who is able to give reasons (use the word 'because') to support their view?

Are aliens real?

Should people eat meat?

Does a God exist?

Does having more things make us happy?

Are books better than movies?

Are ghosts real?

Task 5 – Wordsearch

Can you find all the words? Can you also write a definition of each word you manage to find?

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AGNOSTIC

ATHEIST

BIBLE

CHURCH

DIWALI

EASTER

EID

GURDWARA

IMAM

KORAN

MANDIR

MONK

MOSQUE

NUN

PRIEST

RABBI

SYNAGOGUE

TEMPLE

THEIST

TORAH

Task 6 – Write a Speech

In Religious Studies we work really hard on being able to justify and defend our own opinions. So for this task pick a topic you are passionate about e.g. if school uniforms should be banned or not, whether it is everyone's responsibility to care for the environment, etc.

Once you have written your speech you could then rehearse it before performing it to someone at home – see if you are able to convince them to agree with your viewpoint.



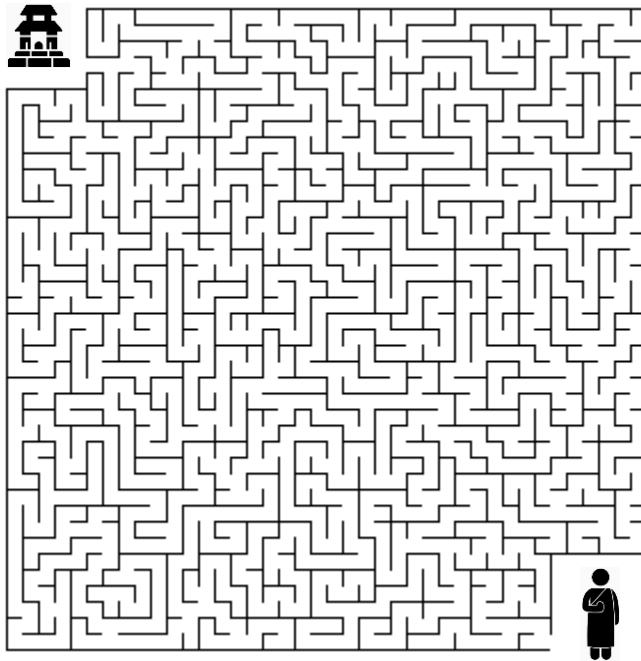
For speech writing:

Top Tips

- **Learn about the topic** (make sure you've done your research)
- **Think about your audience** (who will the speech be for- how might this affect the language you select?)
 - **Make sure you can give evidence or examples to support your points**
 - **Address why someone may disagree with you BUT then explain how you can overcome their objections.**

Task 7 – Maze

Can you help the Buddhist monk may their way to the temple by correctly navigating the maze?



Task 8 – Interview

In Religious Studies we spend a lot of time finding out about the beliefs or opinions of others. Try to interview three different people and see if they can give you reasons to support their view. You could keep a record of what they say using the interview prompts from below and then see if any of them share similar or different views.

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| Person 1 Name: _____ | | |
| What is 1 thing this person does/does not believe in? (For example, aliens, life after death, God, etc.) | What reasons/evidence does this person have for their belief? (Remember to use the words because and therefore). | For bonus points can they refer to a source of wisdom or authority to support their belief? (For example, a holy book, a famous scientist, etc.) |
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