**Faith and Ethics Department**

Teachers in this department teach across the ability range (Years 7 to Year 13) and are familiar with the requirements of KS3 (in line with Bolton Agreed Syllabus), GCSE (both Short and Full Course), and AS/A2 level examinations (Religious Ethics and the Philosophy of Religion). The department is one of the highest achieving departments in the school.

**Key Stage 3**

All pupils at Turton High School have one lesson of Faith and Ethics a week, taught in mixed ability forms.

# **Year 7**

The Year 7 pupils complete three units. Two of these units explore key religious coincepts within Hinudism and Christianity. Pupils will consider what it means to live as a Hindu and as a Christian a well as exploring the history of Hinduism in Britain and the nature of God in both religions. Pupils will finish the year by exploring the thematic study; Science and Religion. This unit involves a study of the theories on the orignis of the Universe, evolution and other modern scientific and religious issues.

**Year 8**

In year 8 pupils will explore three thematic studies; Justice, Changing the World and Radical Jesus. Pupils will develop a more analytical approach to their studies in these units and will explore concepts such as the the life and impact of Jesus, segregation and the history of religious prejudice.

**Year 9**

This course is split into three parts; the first unit is a continuation of the Year 8 units and is entitled ”Life of a Muslim”. The second unit is a AQA GCSE theme and looks at the issue of War and Peace” and begins the GCSE course. In this unit they will look at the ethics of WMDs, pacifism and Just War Theory.

**GCSE**Most pupils follow the AQA GCSE Religious Studies A. This course is 100% exam assessed and is called involves the study of two religions and 4 thematic studies. This covers such topics as War, Peace and Conflict, Religion and Life, Relationships and Families, The Existence of God and Revelation.

Over half of KS4 students complete the Full Course GCSE and this involves all of the topics above whereas short course students will only study 2 religious topics (just beliefs) and 2 themes; Relationships and Families and War, Peace and Conflict.

# **Year 12/13**

There is currently two AS groups and one A2 group at Turton. (We are a very popular option and as a subject are regularly over subscribed.) We currently teach the Edexcel Religious Ethics and Philosophy of Religion modules, both of which are assessed by 100% examination.

**Specifications from 2016**

At present we intend to begin the AQA specification A GCSE in September, using Christianity and Islam as our two religions to study. We also follow Edexcel at A- Level.

The department is committed to helping each student achieve their potential (both Learning About and Learning From) and to developing a genuine interest in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics. All staff are strong team players, all contributing to the development of teaching resources and methodologies. This has created a very supportive department., We require a warm, enthusiastic, hardworking specialist teacher of Faith and Ethics to help develop this growing subject at Turton and to help us build on our success.