

Introducing Religion & Worldviews

The religion and worldviews approach is a new way of thinking about Religious Education

It is accessible, relevant and engaging, it is intellectually rigorous and exciting, and it invites students to explore the diversity of modern Britain.

We all need to understand the history and ideas of the religious and nonreligious traditions that have shaped our world. That means we need to understand the diversity within those traditions, the differences between them and the common ground they share. Most of all, we need to understand what it means to live in those traditions. How do religious and nonreligious people decide what is true, what is real, and what is good?

This approach puts people at the heart of RE, challenging pupils to question their assumptions about life and preparing them for future success in the workplace.

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Here are **6** big ideas:

1 Britain is changing

In the 2021 census, less than half of the population of England and Wales identified as Christian

46.2%
down from 59.3% in 2011

37.2% identified as nonreligious
up from 25.2% in 2011

Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jewish and pagan responses all increased.

Britain is more diverse than ever before

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Nobody stands nowhere

Everyone has a worldview. Your worldview is how you understand what is true, what is real and what matters. Your worldview shapes your experiences, your expectations and all of your decisions. **Your worldview is your approach to life, your way of being and your deepest commitment** - even if you have never really thought about it.

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Worldviews can be religious or nonreligious

Answers to life's big questions can come from anywhere. The religion and worldviews approach introduces pupils to religious and nonreligious ideas:

ethics? truth? purpose? destiny?

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Worldviews can be unique to you or shared with others

Worldviews can be personal. Each of us has our own unique approach to life. Some worldviews are organised into belief systems that try to explain all of reality. Some worldviews are taught by institutions to millions of people.

Worldviews can be very very small, or they can be very very big.

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Philosophy

Theology

Social Science

This is a new approach to teaching and learning RE

To understand religious and nonreligious worldviews, we need skills of wise, critical interpretation. We need respectful dialogue. We need to understand our own beliefs, assumptions and approach to life. The religion and worldviews approach teaches pupils to look through different academic lenses, so they learn to think about problems like a philosopher, a theologian and a social scientist.

This isn't about adding more stuff to the curriculum. Instead, it's a new way to teach.

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A good education in religion and worldviews is the foundation for a great career

This is a subject that invites you to think about life's biggest questions with courage and clarity. Pupils learn to be curious, to analyse evidence, to balance competing views, and to treat difference with respect.

These are crucial skills for lots of careers: Law? Business? Politics? Journalism?

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