

'Thought for the Week'

On Friday mornings, the Tutor Time session for Key Stage 4 students focuses on ethics and debate.

The **purpose** of the sessions is:

- To ensure all Key Stage 4 students are taught statutory Religious Education and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education.
- To convey important ethos and values

Each session will **aim...**

- To expand students' knowledge of issues in the wider world, using real world examples
- To provide opportunities for students to explore and discuss their ideas around a number of issues
- To create a forum for students to raise questions

Many of these sessions will focus on Religious Education. In these sessions, students will learn about Islam and Christianity, with reference to other religions and to non-religious viewpoints.

Over the course of the two years, students will study religion and the family; religion in the community; religion and the individual; religion and moral issues; religion and relationships; religion and global issues; religion and moral values; religion and human identity; religion and the world. In the course of this, they will reflect on a wide range of issues, such as the nature of evil, the morality of war, and the possibility of an afterlife.

These sessions will also deepen students understanding of Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education, in line with government guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education> and in line with Icknield Community College's Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education Policy <https://icknield.oxon.sch.uk/attachments/article/21/Relationships%20and%20Sex%20Education%20Policy%202020-21.pdf>

Sessions will for example explore the ethics of blood and organ donation, the debates around abortion, the risks of prescription drugs, and the importance of screening to prevent deaths from cancer.