



Headteacher's Recommendation



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AMAZING PEACE: A Christmas Poem

by Maya Angelou

We clap hands and welcome the Peace of Christmas. We beckon this good season to wait a while with us. We, Baptist and Buddhist, Methodist and Muslim, say come. Peace. Come and fill us and our world with your majesty.

We, the Jew and the Jainist, the Catholic and the Confucian, Implore you, to stay a while with us. So we may learn by your shimmering light. How to look beyond complexion and see community.

It is Christmas time, a halting of hate time.

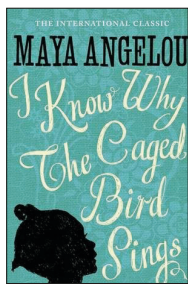
On this platform of peace, we can create a language to translate ourselves to ourselves and to each other.

At this Holy Instant, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ Into the great religions of the world. We jubilate the precious advent of trust.

We shout with glorious tongues at the coming of hope. All the earth's tribes loosen their voices. To celebrate the promise of Peace.

We, Angels and Mortals, Believers and Non-Believers, Look heavenward and speak the word aloud. Peace. We look at our world and speak the word aloud. Peace. We look at each other, then into ourselves

And we say without shyness or apology or hesitation. Peace, My Brother. Peace, My Sister. Peace, My Soul.



Parents' Events

Parents / carers are always warmly welcomed to these events. This newsletter also outlines RE and PSHEC lesson topics for this half term. Events, Workshops, Courses and Forums are opportunities for parents/carers to meet and explore key issues in education.

Mon 6th Jan SCHOOL RETURNS

Tues 14th Jan
Ski Trip Parent Information Evening, Hall
(6.30-7.30pm)

Thurs 16th Jan
Year 13 Parents' Evening, Hall
(4.00-6.30pm)

Mon 20th Jan
Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Week
Year 7 Drug Awareness Conference, Hall
(8.45-9.35am)
'Dealing with self-harm and eating disorders'
Mental Health Workshop (6.00-8.00pm)

Thurs 23rd Jan
Year 11 Parents' Evening, Hall (4.00-6.30pm)

Mon 27th Jan
Holocaust Memorial Day

Tues 28th Jan
Jack Petchey 'Speak Out Challenge,
Hall (All Day)
Year 7 Ethos Day

Tues 4th Feb
Year 11 Safe socialising/alcohol and drugs
Spring Pastoral Parent Workshop
(6.30-7.30pm)

Tues 11th Feb
Safer Internet Day (All Day)

Thurs 13th Feb
School Ski Trip, Italy (Until 21st Feb)
TERM ENDS

Fri 14th Feb
INSET DAY

Sat 15th Feb
Year 11 & 12 Beijing Trip (Until 22nd Feb)

Mon 17th Feb- Fri 21st Feb
HALF TERM

Mon 24th Feb
SCHOOL RETURNS



May Joy be your gift at Christmas and may Faith, Hope, and Love be your treasures in the New Year.

LESSON TOPICS: SPRING A TERM

RE Programme

Year 7 will study of the sources of authority within the Catholic Church, including the role of the Bible and the Magisterium. They will then use this knowledge to begin a detailed study on how belief in the Trinity developed from the Bible and the Early Church.

Year 8 will embark on the study of Islam where they will explore the answer to the Key question, 'How does being a Muslim affect a person's life?' The unit will consider the following questions: When and where did Islam begin and what is its relationship with Judaism and Christianity? What are the different groups within Islam? What are the Five Pillars and how do they affect the way a Muslim lives their life? Are actions more important than beliefs for Muslims? What challenges do Muslims face when putting their beliefs into practice in 21st Century London? Why are the role of women and beliefs about war and peace controversial topics for Muslims?

Year 9 will complete their second unit of GCSE course, 'Incarnation' move on to the third unit of GCSE course. 'The Holy Trinity/Triune God' in which they will study Psalms and the use of music in worship; Acclamations used in Mass; the Biblical basis of belief in the Trinity; The Trinity in the Nicene creed and Genesis 1; The Influence of the Trinity on Christians today; The Trinity and God's love; The Magisterium's views on the Trinity; Baptism; prayers/ postures.

Year 10 will complete the studies on Religion, conflict and peace then move on to GCSE course on Judaism: beliefs, teachings and practices. They will consider the nature of God; Judaism teachings and beliefs in the afterlife; the nature and role of the messiah; The Promised Land and the covenants with Abraham and Moses; Key moral principles; sanctity of life; Free will and Mizvot; the importance of the synagogue; the Shabbat; Bar and Bat Mizvah; marriage; mourning the dead; dietary

laws; Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; Pesach.

Year 11 will finish off GCSE course on Judaism: The importance of the synagogue; the Shabbat; Bar and Bat Mizvah; marriage; mourning the dead; dietary laws; Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; Pesach. Students will then move on to finish the last unit of Catholic Christianity, 'Eschatology' which includes: The Paschal candle; Michelangelo's painting, The Last Judgement; Memorials of the dead; Eschatology and life after death; The four last things; Purgatory and Judgment; The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus; Cosmic reconciliation; The Church's teachings on the end of time; The last rites; The funeral rite; The care of the dying and euthanasia.

PSHEC Programme

Year 7 Will focus on; Puberty, eating healthily, body image and self-esteem

- Drugs and alcohol workshop
- Mental Health Awareness & Safer Internet Day
- LGBTQI History assemblies

Year 8 Will focus on; cancer/ cancer prevention, exercise and importance of sleep

- Drugs/knife crime workshops
- Mental Health Awareness Safer Internet Day & LGBTQI History assemblies
- Philanthropy project
- Year 8 Retreat

Year 9 Will focus on;

- Drugs/Alcohol awareness performance
- Mental Health Awareness & Safer Internet Day
- LGBTQI History assemblies

Year 10 Will focus on; Drugs/ alcohol workshop

- Mental Health Awareness, Safer Internet Day and LGBTQI History assemblies
- Consent, STI's/pregnancy
- Gender ideals

Year 11 Will focus on; Drugs/ alcohol workshop

- Mental Health Awareness Safer Internet Day & LGBTQI History assemblies
- Financial Literacy