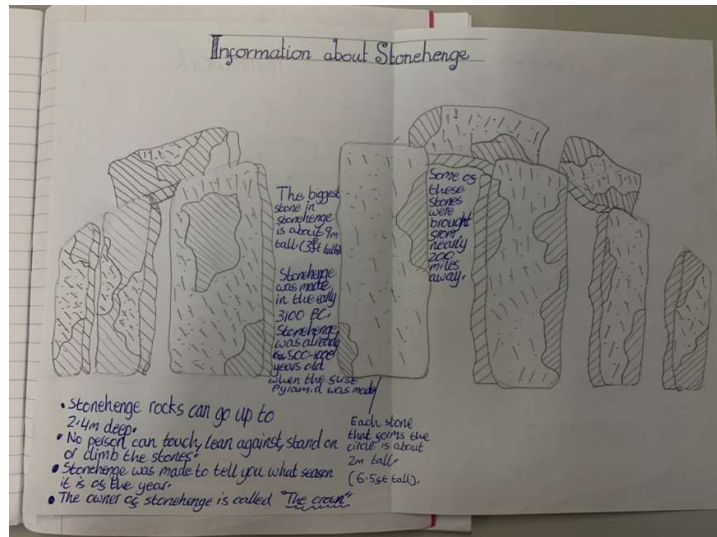


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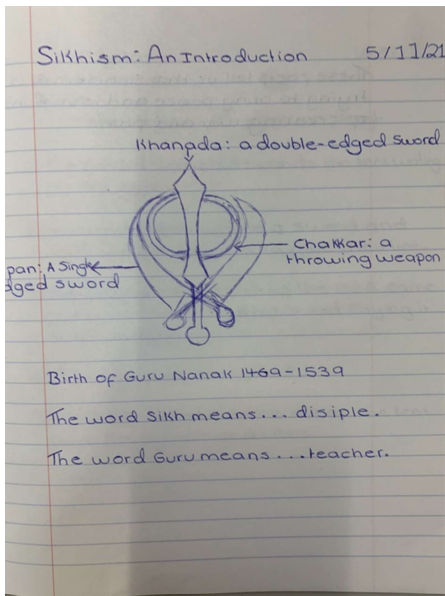
The RE department recently began several new units across all year groups and key stages which give students an appreciation for how Religion, Philosophy and Ethics interacts with the world.

KS3:

In Year 7 our students recently began their Christianity unit which aims to give students a well-rounded and balanced understanding of core Christian beliefs. In Year 7 we welcome students by teaching them the key skills and talking points we will need when discussing RE: questioning, the search for truth, how to use evidence and removing bias. We then allow students to put their knowledge and skills into practice with a unit covering the foundation of Christianity. This unit requires our students to look at key points of Christian theology with an attempt to support students in



understanding it from a variety of angles.



Our Year 8 students have just finished their unit on early religions which considers Stonehenge, Easter Island, the Aztecs and the Chachapoyas. This term we have moved onto our Sikhism unit which tries to provide students with some of the key teachings and values of this exceptionally morally rich faith. Our students love this unit, looking at the wonderful global charity work of Khalsa Aid and the exceptional work of the Northampton Sikh Community Centre and Youth Club.

Year 9 students study, one of my personal favourite units, Good and Evil. This unit builds on our Suffering unit which we finished in Term 1 and looks to show our students the difficulty in making moral decisions and how terms like 'good' and 'evil' can sometimes be hard

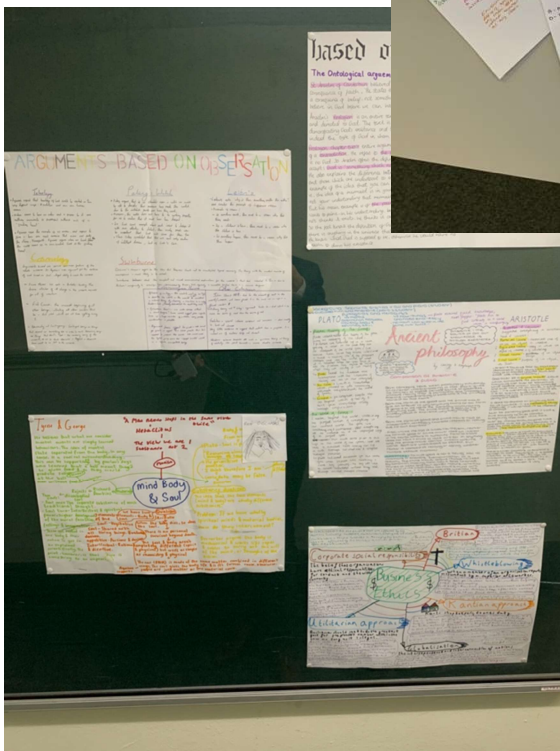
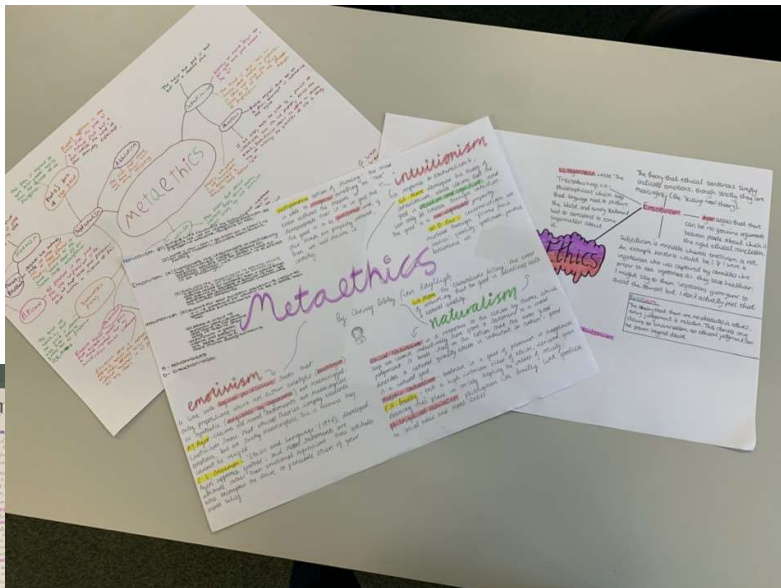
to define. We look at good and evil within Fantasy, History (with Oskar Schindler), Science and Religion.

KS4:

Our GCSE students have all been working on their Paper 1 units. For Year 10 this is a study of Christianity, for Year 11 this is a study of Islam. The RE GCSE supports students with gaining critical evaluation skills as well as teaching students how religion interacts with the world. Our Year 10s will soon be moving onto Christian practices and worship, which can be supported by visiting some of the amazing local Northamptonshire churches, many of which will freely allow visitors. Year 11s have been studying Islamic beliefs and looking at shared ground between Islam, Christianity and Judaism as highlighted by the work of the Inter-faith Dialogue.

KS5:

After welcoming our new Year 12s into the RE A-Level, we have settled into the full swing of their first year. Mr McAteer has orchestrated a debate between the value of Plato against his protégé Aristotle, which was enjoyed hugely by both students and staff. Our Year 13s have recently begun their Gender and Society unit which considers how gender roles have been influenced by religion throughout the past and the subsequent changes within modern society. The Year 13s have also begun their revision activities ready for their January Trial Exams, creating one-page topic summaries, some examples of which can be seen in the inserts.



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