

# MCA TODAY

THE RE EDITION



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT?



### YEAR 7

Year 7 students are currently exploring Sikh beliefs and beginning to learn about the Sikh Gurus, including Guru Nanak, and their teachings about equality, honesty, and remembering God.

### YEAR 8

This half term, Year 8 students are exploring the Inconsistent Triad and beginning to consider Christian ideas about sin through the story of Adam and Eve and the concept of Original Sin.



### YEAR 9

Our Year 9 students are exploring ethics and ethical dilemmas, considering how people make difficult moral decisions and the different factors that can influence what we think is right or wrong.



### YEAR 10

Year 10 students are studying Islam: Beliefs and Teachings, focusing on the role and importance of prophets in Islam, including Muhammad.





## YEAR 11

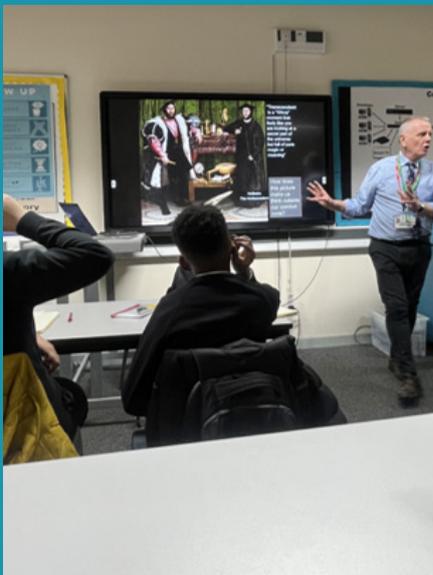
Year 11 students are studying Islamic practices, focusing on Sawm, the fasting observed during Ramadan.



### CELEBRATIONS

This week, a group of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in a fascinating session with guest speaker Mr Hodson, who introduced them to the idea of transcendental art. Together, they explored the question: Can a piece of art be so powerful that it makes us forget about ourselves for a moment?

Students looked closely at famous works including *The Starry Night* by Vincent van Gogh and *Christ of Saint John of the Cross* by Salvador Dalí, discussing why many people describe these works as “transcendental”. Through thoughtful discussion, students considered how art can create feelings of awe, wonder, and deep reflection. Mr Hodson was incredibly impressed with the students' insightful ideas and the maturity of their responses.



### FAMILY FOCUS

Encouraging spiritual growth at home doesn't have to be complicated or religious. It can simply mean helping children notice the world around them and take time to reflect on it.

Parents might encourage moments of “awe and wonder” by going for a walk in nature, looking at the stars, listening to music, or noticing the small details in everyday life. Asking open questions such as “What surprised you today?” or “What made you stop and think?” can help children develop curiosity and reflection.

These simple conversations help children think more deeply about the world, their feelings, and their place within it — an important part of learning in RE.

### WHAT'S COMING UP?

We are pleased to share that, during the month of Ramadan, we are planning to host our first-ever Community Iftar and warmly invite our students and parents to take part.

We are planning it for Wednesday 18th March 2026 but further details, including the confirmed date and time, will be shared once we have a clearer idea of attendance. The event will be held at school.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs McCorrison teaches RE and is the Director of Year 9. She is currently reading *The Big Book of Angels* by Joan Wester Anderson. It's a collection of real-life stories and reflections about people who believe they have encountered angels. Mrs McCorrison says it is a fantastic, exciting read!

## BOOKS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK

This week's book recommendations are all in some way connected to religion or spirituality. All titles are available at the MCA Library:

Tulku– Peter Dickinson  
Northern Lights– Philip Pullman  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S Lewis

