

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW - RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Year	Key Features	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
7	1 period per week	<u>Believing in god</u> Introduction Belief and non-belief in God Creation Scientific responses to the Origins of the world Miracles Religious Experiences	<u>Christian Beliefs</u> Introduction Denominations The Trinity Ten Commandments Stewardship Advent Nativity	<u>Major World Religions</u> Timelines People Religious Artefacts Festivals Places of worship The Incarnation	<u>Sikhism</u> Beliefs about God and Prayer Guru Nanak The Khalsa and 5 K's The Golden Temple Sikhism in Britain	<u>Festivals</u> Purpose of festivals Vaisakhi Ramadan and Eid Lent and Holy Week Wesak Holi Hanukkah	<u>Charity</u> Christian teachings through Parables Muslim teachings and practices Charitable organisations Project launch Presentations
8	1 period per week	<u>Symbolism</u> Introduction Amnesty International Christian beliefs Jesus Symbols in Christianity Stained Glass Window	<u>Islam</u> Introduction The Qur'an The Five Pillars Hajj Clothing Links between the Abrahamic religions	<u>Judaism</u> Introduction The Torah Abraham Isaac Jerusalem Israel and Palestine	<u>Hinduism and Buddhism</u> Introduction to Hinduism Hindu Holy Texts Polytheism Basic Buddhist beliefs Buddhist Holy Text	<u>Life After Death</u> Christian and Muslim beliefs Judgement, Heaven and Hell Resurrection The soul Reincarnation	<u>Religion and Philosophy</u> An introduction to Ethics God and the Devil Suffering Plato's Cave Beyond our dimensions
9	Optional 1 x double period per week	<u>Christian Denominations</u> Interpretations of The Bible Catholicism Orthodox Christians Jehovah's Witnesses The Protestant Church Mormonism The Amish	<u>Alternative Religions</u> Atheism Humanism Scientology Rastafarianism Paganism and Christmas Sunni and Shi'a Muslims Conspiracy theories and Illuminati	<u>Religion, Ethics and Science</u> The Sanctity of Life Religion and IVF Abortion Euthanasia Stem cell research Genetic Engineering Drugs and Ethics Religious objections to medical procedures	<u>Religion and Human Rights</u> Animal Rights Freedom of expression Gender roles Community Social Justice	<u>Prejudice and Discrimination</u> Stereotyping LGBTQAI Religious Prejudice Racism & Xenophobia Prejudice against youths Age discrimination Disability in the Media	<u>Religion, Peace and Conflict</u> Muslim beliefs Christian beliefs The Crusades Anti-Semitism Religious Leaders and Conflict

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10 GCSE	Optional 3 periods per week 1 x single 1 x double EDEXCEL GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies B Christianity and Islam	<u>Christian Beliefs</u> Trinity Creation Incarnation Last Days of Jesus Salvation Christian Eschatology Evil and Suffering	<u>Matters of Life and Death</u> Origins of the universe Sanctity of life Death and afterlife Abortion Euthanasia The natural world	<u>Living the Christian Life</u> Worship Sacraments Prayer Pilgrimage Celebrations The future of the Church Local and worldwide Church	<u>Marriage and the Family</u> Marriage Sexual Relationships Families Support from local parish Family planning Divorce Gender roles	<u>End of Unit 1</u> Christianity Revision End of year exam WEX	<u>Muslim Beliefs</u> Introduction 6 beliefs 5 roots Allah Prophets Holy Books Angels Life after death
11 GCSE	Optional 3 periods per week 1 x single 1 x double EDEXCEL GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies B Christianity and Islam	<u>Living the Muslim Life</u> The Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam The Shahadah Salah Sawm Zakah and Khums Hajj Jihad Celebrations and Commemorations	<u>Crime and Punishment</u> Justice Crime Good, evil and suffering Punishment Aim of punishment Forgiveness Treatment of criminals The death penalty	<u>Peace and Conflict</u> Peace Peace-making Conflict Pacifism The Just War Theory Holy War Weapons of Mass Destruction Issues surrounding conflict	<u>Preparation for GCSE RS Exam</u> Review of topics in Paper 1 and 2 Revision Techniques Consolidate exam techniques/Skills		

All students study Religious Studies in Years 9, 10 and 11 as part of the Global Learning course. Students with a particular interest in the subject area can also opt for GCSE Religious Studies at the end of Year 9.

Links between topics and key stages have been highlighted accordingly, where applicable.