




Vision - We aim to provide a curriculum which engages, inspires and motivates students. Students should leave school with the ability to understand the world around them and the multi-cultural society which exists in Britain. They should have an understanding of different religions their practices and cultures. We aim to challenge stereotypes, discrimination and religious and racial hatred. We also aim to promote critical thinking and moral reasoning on ethical issues.

Religious Studies Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	Comparative religion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animism and monotheism World religions Connecting different religions Symbolism within religion What do religions share? – Teachings and authority What do religions share? – Worship and morality What do religions share? – Practices and celebrations Why is religion important? 		Belonging to Islam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction and overview Allah, the 99 names and Tahwid The life and importance of Muhammad The Five Pillars of Islam overview The Five Pillars – Hajj – the physical experience The Five Pillars – Hajj – the emotional experience Ramadan Id-ul-Fitr The mosque The role of Imam's The Qur'an 		Belonging to Judaism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction and overview Abraham the messenger Moses and the history of Pesach Celebrating Pesach The synagogue The Torah Shabbat Pilgrimage – The Western Wall Signs and symbols Kosher food Moral issues within Judaism 	
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key facts assessment What do religions have in common? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key facts assessment Why is it important for Muslims to follow the Five Pillars of Islam? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key facts assessment A diary account to describe what a weekend would be like living as an Orthodox Jew. 	
Year 8	Belonging to Christianity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Christianity Christianity in the UK today Core beliefs - The nature of God – The Trinity Worship – where do Christian's worship? Worship – how do Christian's worship? Who are the leaders of the Christian Church? What are denominations? – The history of how different denominations were formed. What are denominations? – Comparing beliefs and worship Where do Christian's go on pilgrimage? What is the Christian attitude to poverty? What are the Christian beliefs about charity? How to Christians help charities? 			Belonging to Sikhism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction and overview Guru Nanak's life Guru Nanak's teachings Festivals Holy books – the Guru Granth Sahib The Five K's Pilgrimage – Harmandir / Darbar Sahib Gurdwara in Amritsar Sewa 		Can we prove that God does not exist? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why do people believe in God? What is God like? - Omnipotent, omniscient, benevolent Arguments for the existence of God and the – Design, Ontological, teleological, probability Freewill The problem of evil and suffering

Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts assessment • How does being a follower of Christianity impact on how you live your daily life? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts assessment • How does being a follower of Sikhism impact on a person's life? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there enough evidence to prove the existence of God? (Three response task)
<p>Year 9</p>	<p>Religion and ethics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are ethics? • Is it ever right to break the law? – Religion and law breaking • Do humans have the right to end life? – The sanctity of life, abortion and euthanasia. • How does religion inspire environmental action? • Should animals have rights? • Religious attitudes to drug abuse • Has medicine gone too far? - Medical ethics moral and religious perspectives • Can poverty ever be solved? • Has religion passed its sell by date? • Is sport like a religion? 	<p>Should the UK reintroduce capital punishment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and the history of capital punishment • The current global position on the use of capital punishment • Different emotional responses – the victim's family, the criminals family • Religious teachings on capital punishment • Alternatives to capital punishment • Arguments in favour • Arguments against • Case studies Ruth Ellis and Timothy Evans 	<p>War and Peace</p> <p>Should the UK destroy its' nuclear weapons?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is war and reasons for fighting a war? • The Just War Theory • What are nuclear weapons and deterrents? • Arguments for and against possession of nuclear weapons • Hiroshima and Nagasaki • The religious view • The world view • The principles and work of CND • What is pacifism and is it morally justifiable?
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts assessment • Is religion still relevant to society in 2022? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts assessment • The death penalty should no longer be used as a form of punishment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts assessment

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Year 10 	Theme E Religion, crime and punishment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crime and punishment Reasons for crime Christian attitudes to lawbreakers and different types of crime The aims of punishment Christian attitudes to suffering and causing suffering to others Christian attitudes to the treatment of criminals Christian attitudes to the death penalty 	Theme B Religion and Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The origins of the universe The value of the world The use and abuse of the environment Pollution The use and abuse of animals The origins of human life Abortion Euthanasia Death and the afterlife 		Theme D Religion, peace and conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violent protest and terrorism Reasons for war Nuclear war and weapons of mass destruction The Just War theories Holy War and religion as a cause of violence Pacifism and peace making Religious responses to victims of war 	Theme A Relationships and families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian teachings about human sexuality Sexual relationships before and outside marriage Contraception and family planning Christian teachings about marriage Divorce and remarriage The nature of families in the 21st century The purpose of families in the 21st century Religious attitudes to gender equality 	Christianity: beliefs and teachings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature of God God an omnipotent, loving and just The oneness of God and the Trinity Christian beliefs about creation The incarnation of Jesus The crucifixion The resurrection and ascension Resurrection and life after death The afterlife and judgement Heaven and hell Sin and salvation The role of Christ in salvation

Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts • Exam questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts • Exam questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts • Exam questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts Exam questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts • Exam questions 	
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Year 11	Christianity: Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship • Prayer • The sacraments: baptism • The sacraments: Eucharist • Pilgrimage • Celebrating festivals • The role of the church in the local community • The place of mission and evangelism • Church growth • The worldwide church • The Church's response to world poverty • Christian persecution 	Islam: Beliefs and teachings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The oneness of God and the supremacy of God's will. • Key beliefs of Sunni and Shi'a Islam • The nature of God • Angels • Predestination • Life after death • Prophet hood and Adam • Ibrahim • Muhammad and the Imamate • Holy books 		Islam: Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Five Pillars and Ten Obligatory Acts • Salah • Sawm within Ramadan • Zakah: almsgiving • Hajj • Jihad • The festivals of Id-ul-Fitr and Id-ul-Adha • The festival of Ashura 	Exam	
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts • Exam questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts • Exam questions • Mock 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts • Exam questions 		