



RE Curriculum 2016-17

Autumn Term	
Year group	Topics and Key Learning Points
Year 7	<p>Bridging Unit - Christianity – What do we know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we already know about Christianity? • What does God look like? • Why is Jesus so important? • How important is the Bible in the 21st Century? • How do Christians worship? • How does being a Christian affect your life? <p>What does it mean to live as a Jew today in the 21st Century?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key beliefs: God as redeemer, creator, law-giver and judge • Chosen people • Torah, worship, synagogue • Food laws • Shabbat • Struggles/acceptance
Year 8	<p>The Big Questions: Moral and Ethical questions – Can we answer them?</p> <p>What does it mean to be a human?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who am I? Personality, characteristics, identity • Where do I belong? • How much is a human being worth? • Are humans special? • Creative – Who am I? - Assessment • What is important to me? <p>Why do people suffer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is suffering? Examples of suffering: Moral, natural • Why do we suffer? Do we all suffer the same? • Can we ease suffering? • Who is responsible for suffering? • What do religions say about suffering? • How can we help individually and globally?
Year 9	<p>Looking at GCSE – Edexcel Specification B</p> <p>Christian views – Marriage and Family Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships – families, friends etc. • Sex before marriage • Marriage and divorce

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contraception • Homosexuality • Humanism views in relation to the above topics
Year 10	Matters of Life and Death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When does life begin? • Abortion – history, legal requirements, arguments for and against, religious views and opinions
Year 11	Medical Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infertility treatments • Religious views on infertility treatments • Arguments for and against infertility treatments
Spring Term	
Year group	Topics and Key Learning Points
Year 7	Is religion dead? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-faith society • Community and wider area • Census • Struggles and acceptance Should we always forgive? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key terms: forgiveness, reconciliation, love, compassion, atonement, salvation • What does it mean to forgive? • Examples of forgiveness in the media – Millie Dowler etc. • Forgiveness – Easter story – what is it? How can it relate to the 21st Century? Is Easter secularised?
Year 8	What does it mean to be a Muslim in the 21st Century? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 beliefs: tawhid, risalah, prophets, angels, holy books, akirah, judgement day, life after death • 5 pillars of Islam • Ummah – does it have relevance today • Struggles, differences • Media portrayal
Year 9	Looking at GCSE – Edexcel Specification B Christian views – Marriage and Family Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contraception • Homosexuality • Christian views and humanist views Muslims views – Crime and Punishment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice • Crime • Good and evil

Year 10	Matters of Life and Death Euthanasia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is euthanasia? • What is the law on euthanasia? • Non-religious arguments for and against euthanasia • Religious arguments for and against euthanasia • Case studies – should the UK allow euthanasia?
Year 11	Medical Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transplant surgery • Arguments for and against • Religious views
Summer Term	
Year group	Topics and Key Learning Points
Year 7	Should we always forgive? Continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st century forgiveness • Terrorism, burglary • War • Real life stories
Year 8	Does God exist? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who or what is God? • Does God exist? – opinions, arguments for and against • Why do people say God exists? • What do religions say about God? • What does science say about God? • If God doesn't exist, then what does? Is death the end? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think happens to you when you die? • Do ghosts and spirits really exist? • Arguments for and against life after death • Religious views on life after death – reincarnation, immortality of the soul, resurrection • Can we ever prove that there is life after death? • What would you like to happen when you die?
Year 9	Crime and Punishment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attitudes to punishment • Aims of punishment • Forgiveness • Treatment of criminals and death penalty
Year 10	Life after death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there such a thing as life after death?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can we prove that there is life after death? How? Why?• What do you think happens to us when we die?• Religious views – immortality of the soul, resurrection, reincarnation, moksha• Why do people believe in life after death? Does it serve a purpose?
Year 11	Genetic Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is it?• Arguments for and against• Religious views• Evidence in the 21st century• Medical reasons for Genetic engineering