

Religious Education Key Stage 3 Curriculum

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
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Y7	What do people believe about God? What has RE got to do with me? What is belief? What makes someone religious? What is God like? Images of God, What do Christians believe about God? Images of Jesus, Shiva and symbolism, Allah and his 99 names. Pilgrimage: Islam – Hajj Symbolism and the Hajj, Reasons for going on pilgrimage, How does a Muslim feel on Hajj?	Symbols: Intro to religious expression The nature, purpose and variety of religious symbols, Using symbols, Australian Aborigines and the Dreamtime. Churches, Worship and Sacraments The nature, purpose and design of a Church, assessing the importance ofchurches in the 21st century, understanding Baptism	Essentials of Faith: Judaism Judaism key themes: Beginnings, everyday life, god, life after death, festivals, bar/bat mitzvah, kosher, Synagogues and worship, Sabbath, Orthodox and Reform, The Jewish faith, Jewish ethics and key figures. (Extension: Philosophy Dawn of Philosophy; the pre-Socratics; Socrates; Plato)
Y8	Hinduism Introduction to India and origins of Hinduism, Hinduism: one religion or many, how Hindus may know God, Hindu Gods and Goddesses: Brahman and the Trimurti, Dharma / Ashrama / Varna, Moksha Chitram, Project: Rites of Passage, Festivals, Pilgrimage, Meaning, Purpose and Truth, Ethical issues.	Prejudice Project Why are some people prejudiced? Martin Luther King or Gandhi, Does racism still exist? Why might religion lead to prejudice? Did the dream die? Life of Jesus An introduction to Jesus' life, the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith, Biblical study, an imaginative account of the life of Jesus from the perspective of an onlooker, assessing his impact.	Authority in Islam Authority, Sunni and Shi'a, evaluating the wearing of the Hijab, assessing the concept of Jihad, Islam today: people, prejudice, politics, practices, justice, and countries of the world. (Extension: Philosophy Aristotle; Descartes; Presentations)
Y9	Philosophical arguments for and against the existence of God (GCSE) Design argument and Creationism, First Cause argument, Evil and Suffering, Religion and Science, Christianity: Key beliefs, Jesus Christ and salvation (GCSE) The nature of God, the Trinity, Creation, Death and the afterlife, Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension, Sin, Salvation, Atonement.	Human Rights and Social Justice Equality; freedom of religious expression; the uses of wealth; the Holocaust Islam The nature of God; Holy Books; The Five Pillars of Sunni Islam; The Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam; prayer, festivals and commemorations.	Revelation and Experience (GCSE) Christianity: General and Special Revelation Buddhism: Life of the Buddha.



Religious Studies GCSE Curriculum Overview

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Y10	Religion, Peace and Conflict Peace, Justice, Reconciliation, Forgiveness, Violence, Terrorism, Reasons for war, Just War, Holy War, Pacifism, Nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, Religion and peace-making, Responses to victim of war. Buddhism (Life of the Buddha) Buddhist ethics: karma, Karuna, Metta, the five moral precepts, the six perfections,	Relationships and Families – from Catholic, Fundamentalist, Liberal and Buddhist perspectives Human sexuality, sexual relationships before and outside of marriage, contraception, nature and purpose of marriage, same-sex marriage and cohabitation, divorce and remarriage, The nature of families, purpose of families, same sex parents, polygamy, roles of men and women, gender equality, prejudice and discrimination. Christian practices Christianity: worship, prayer, sacraments, pilgrimage, festivals; Consolidate from Y9: Christianity: Key beliefs, Jesus Christ and salvation (GCSE)	Buddhist practices Buddhism: worship and festivals – places of worship, puja, meditation, death and mourning, festivals and retreats including Wesak and Parinirvana day. Religion and Life Origins and value of the universe; use and abuse of the environment and animals; the origins and value of human life; science and religion; sanctity and quality of life; abortion; euthanasia; life after death
Y11	Crime and Punishment Good and evil intentions, reasons for crime: poverty and upbringing, mental illness and addiction, greed and hate, opposition to unjust laws, views about people who break the law and different types of crime, Aims of punishment, treatment of criminals, forgiveness, the death penalty. Christian practices Christianity: the role of the church in the local and worldwide community	Mock examination Review and extension: Christian beliefs, teachings and practices, Buddhist beliefs and practices, Religious, philosophical and ethical studies – A. Relationships and families, B. Religions and Life C. The existence of God andRevelation, D. Religion, Peace and Conflict, E. Religion, Crime and Punishment, F. Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice (NB need 4 themes for GCSE)	Revision and exam skills



Religious Studies GCSE Short Course Curriculum Overview – Year 11 2022 ONLY

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Y	Religion, Peace and Conflict	Relationships and Families	Christian and Buddhist practices (for depth of understanding – not questions in exam) Introduction to Philosophical thinking. Consolidate from Y9: Buddhism: Life of the Buddha.
	Buddhism (Life of the Buddha) Buddhist ethics: karma, Karuna, Metta, the five moral precepts, the six perfections, (meditation; the Dalai Lama)	Review and extension: Christian beliefs, teachings (and practices); Buddhist beliefs (and practices); Religious, philosophical and ethical studies –	Revision and exam skills
Y	Consolidate from Y10: Peace and Conflict and Relationships Consolidate from Y9: Christianity: Key beliefs, Jesus Christ and salvation (GCSE) The nature of God, the Trinity Creation Death	A. Relationships and families; C. Religion, Peace and Conflict. Mock examination	
	The nature of God, the Trinity, Creation, Death andthe afterlife, Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension, Sin, Salvation, Atonement.		



Philosophy A level Curriculum

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Y12	Epistemology What is knowledge? The tripartite view, Perception as a source of knowledge: Direct realism, Indirect Realism, Berkeley's Idealism Moral Philosophy Utilitarianism, Kantian deontological ethics.	Epistemology Reason as a source of knowledge: Innatism, Intuition and Deduction, The limits of knowledge Moral Philosophy Aristotelian Virtue Ethics, Applied Ethics: stealing, simulated killing, eating animals, telling lies, Meta-ethics: moral realism, moral anti-realism.	Revision & Exam Skills; PPE examination Metaphysics of God The concept and nature of God: omniscience, omnipotence, omnibenevolence, timelessness, everlastingness, paradox of thestone, Euthyphro dilemma, free will, Existence of God: Ontological arguments. Moral Philosophy Meta-ethics: moral realism, moral anti-realism. Understanding and use of philosophical terminology and the language of argumentation
Y13	Metaphysics of God Teleological arguments, Cosmological arguments; The Problem of Evil: nature of moral and natural evil, logical and evidential problems, Free Will Defence, soul-making theodicies. Metaphysics of Mind What do we mean by mind? Dualist theories: substance and property dualism; Physicalist theories: Behaviourism	Metaphysics of God Religious language: Cognitivism and non- cognitivism, Logical Positivism, the 'University Debate' – Flew, Mitchell, Hare. Metaphysics of Mind Physicalist theories: physicalism, Mind-brain type identity theory, Eliminative materialism, Functionalism. Mock examination	Revision and exam skills