

Religious Education: Year Eight Curriculum Overview.

Calendar`	Theme/Big Question:	Small Questions:	Assessment Opportunities
Autumn 1	The importance of Mary	 Why is Mary integral to the Catholic faith? What does the Gospel of Luke say about Mary? Why is understanding Mary's vocation important to Catholics? What is the Magnificat and what can we learn from this? How does the relationship between Mary and Jesus impact Catholic beliefs? What is the significance of the rosary? Can I come closer to God through praying the rosary? What is the significance of pilgrimage for Catholics? What is the significance of Saint? What is the communion of Saints? 	 Keyword and definition test Mid Unit Assessment: AO1: 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 marks) 1 x explain skill question (8 marks) End of Unit: AO1 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 marks) 1 x describe skill questions (8 marks) 1 x discern/evaluate skill question (15 marks).
Autumn 2	Covenants	 What are the biblical covenants? What was the Noahic covenant? What was God's covenant with Abraham? What was Moses' covenant with God? What was the covenant with David? How did Jesus establish the new covenant? How did the death of Jesus establish the new covenant? How do Catholics remember the new covenant during Easter? How have people lived out the new covenant? 	 Keyword and definition test Mid Unit Assessment: AO1: 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1x describe skill question (5 marks) 1x explain skill question (8 marks) End of Unit: AO1 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 marks)



			 1 x discern/evaluate skill question (15 marks).
Spring 1	The development of Christianity		 Keyword and definition test Mid Unit Assessment: AO1: 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1x describe skill question (5 marks) 1x explain skill question (8 marks) End of Unit Assessment: AO2 "there should only be one Christian denomination" Discuss. (15 marks)
Spring 2	Sin, Forgiveness and Reconciliation	 Are there any limits to forgiveness? What is sin? What is conscience? How do we see forgiveness in the Bible? What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation? What are the effects of Reconciliation around the world? How do we live out Reconciliation? 	 Keyword and definition test Mid Unit Assessment: AO1: 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1x describe skill question (5 marks) 1x explain skill question (8 marks) End of Unit: AO1 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 marks) 1 x describe skill question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 marks) 1 x describe skill questions (8 marks) 1 x discern/evaluate skill question (15 marks).



Summer 1	Relationships, Sex and Drugs Education	 Why have attitudes to relationships changed in the UK? Why does the Catholic Church condemn sex outside marriage? Why do the Catholic Church not accept the use of artificial contraception? Should Christians use contraceptives? Should divorce be morally permissible? Is homosexuality sinful? What does society say? What does the Catholic Church and other Christians say? What is the impact of homophobia? What impacts does Alcohol have on society? What are the short term and long term effects? Why is smoking still legal? Should some drugs be made legal? What does the law say? What are the short term and long term effects? 	 Keyword and definition test Mid Unit Assessment: AO1: 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 marks) 1 x explain skill question (8 marks) End of Unit: AO1 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 marks) 1 x describe skill questions (8 marks) 1 x discern/evaluate skill question (15 marks).
Summer 2	Hinduism	 What does it mean to be Hindu? What do Hindu creation stories tell us about the nature of the Ultimate reality? What do Hindus believe happens when we die? How do Hindus worship at home? What is the meaning of Ramayana? What are the four pursuits? Why is Sewa important to Hindus? 	 Keyword definition test AO1 knowledge check questions