

Religious Education: Year Nine Curriculum Overview.

Calendar`	Theme/Big Question:	Small Questions:	Assessment Opportunities
Autumn 1	Religion and Society	 What are the core beliefs of Islam? What are the five pillars of Islam? Is punishment just? What are aims of punishment? What are the Christian and Muslim responses? Can war be justified? What are the Christian and Muslim responses? Why should society never accept bullying? What are the Christian and Muslim responses to bullying? Why do most religious people oppose excessive alcohol consumption and the use of illegal drugs? What is situation ethics, the conscience and how can the Bible lead us in making decisions? Do Christians have an extra duty to ensure human rights? Do Religious people have an extra duty to care for the environment? How can we be stewards? Are fertility treatments moral? Is organ donation the most Christian thing to do when we die? 	 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) 1 x explain skill question (8 marks) End of Unit: AO1 1 x describe skill question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 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	Marriage and relationships	0	 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)



		 What does the Catholic Church teach about the roles of men and women in the family? What does the Bible say about gender equality? What is Catholic teaching about the equality of men and women? What are the Catholic teachings about gender prejudice and discrimination? 	 End of Unit: AO1 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (5 marks) 1x explain skill questions (8 marks) 1 x discern/evaluate skill question (15 marks).
Spring 1	Community Cohesion	 What is a multi-ethnic society and what are the benefits? Should the government legislate for community cohesion? Why should we promote racial harmony? Should the Church be more responsible for helping asylum seekers? Case study: Rwanda. What were the historical causes of the genocide? What are the lasting effects? Why is it important that we do not forget such atrocities? Should all religions work together to promote religious harmony? 	 Keyword and definition test Mid Unit Assessment: AO1: 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1x describe skill question (5 marks) 2 x explain skill questions (8 marks each) End of Unit: AO2 Students are given the opportunity to reflect on the issues discussed, by writing a persuasive speech or article.
Spring 2	GCSE: Judaism Beliefs	 What is RE at GCSE? What do Jews believe? What do Jews believe about the nature of God? 	 Keyword and definition test Mid Unit Assessment: AO1: 1 x keyword definition question (2)
Summer 1		 What is the Shekinah? What is the Abrahamic Covenant? Why are Moses and the Mitzvot important to Jews? 	- 1x describe skill question (5 marks)



		 Are the ten commandments important to Jews? Do Jews believe in a Messiah? What do Jews believe about the Sanctity of life? What is the importance of the mitzvot? Do Jews believe in free will? Why are there different beliefs about the afterlife in Judaism? 	 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 explain skill questions (8 marks) 1 x evaluate skill question (15 marks) 1 x evaluate skill question (15 marks). Students regularly complete exam questions that are in line with the GCSE Religious Studies EDUQAS Route B specification.
Summer 2	GCSE: Judaism Practices	 What is the history of the synagogue? How do Jews worship at home? How do Jews celebrate Shabbat in the home? Should all Jews wear special items for worship? Is the synagogue the most important place to worship? How do the features in the synagogue represent Jewish belief? Why are rituals so important in Judaism? How do Jews celebrate a child becoming an adult in the faith? Is marriage the most important ceremony in Judaism? What is the significance of burial rituals within Judaism? Is it possible for a Jew in Britain to adhere to all of the teachings? Does keeping Kosher make it difficult for Jews to integrate into British society? Are some Jewish festivals more important than others? 	 Keyword and definition test Mid Unit Assessment: AO1: 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1x describe skill question (5 marks) 2 x explain skill questions (8 marks each) End of Unit: AO1 1 x keyword definition question (2 marks) 1 x describe skill question (2 marks)



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	marks)
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