

Year 11 Religious Studies

Religious Studies GCSE covers beliefs and practices within Christianity and Islam, as well as five contemporary ethical themes such as war and peace, crime and punishment, euthanasia and abortion. Students will be challenged with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling them to develop their own attitudes towards religious and moral issues. Students will also gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture. Students will develop analytical and critical thinking skills, the ability to work with abstract ideas, leadership and research skills. All these skills will help prepare them for further study.

Methods of deepening and securing knowledge:

Knowledge testing	We have carefully selected the information that students should remember in the long term and is key knowledge required to achieve a good grade at GCSE. Regular knowledge tests in lessons will allow students to practise remembering and using this knowledge, this is continued from Key Stage 3.
Knowledge organisers	Each unit has a knowledge organiser which tells students the key information for each unit. This will be the focus of the knowledge tests and highlights what students need to remember long term.
Revisiting prior learning	Our religious education curriculum is designed to ensure that students regularly revisit themes and knowledge which they have studied before. In Key Stage 3, students studied Christian beliefs and practices as well as Islamic beliefs and practices. These will be built on throughout their GCSE.

	Autumn term 1	Autumn term 2	Spring term 1
Topic(s)	Islam Beliefs In this unit students will study the key beliefs within Islam, including beliefs about the nature of God, death and the afterlife, the holy books and Muhammad.	Islam Practices In this unit students will study the key practices within Islam, including the five pillars, jihad and festivals.	Religion and Life In this unit students will study abortion, euthanasia, creation, animal rights and environmental duties.
Assessment	Cumulative knowledge test. GCSE style 1, 2 ,4, 5 and 12 mark questions.	Cumulative knowledge test. GCSE style 1, 2 ,4, 5 and 12 mark questions.	Cumulative knowledge test. GCSE style 1, 2 ,4, 5 and 12 mark questions.

CEIAG <i>(Careers that are linked to that topic)</i>			Ethical issues relevant to medical and law professions explored.
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	Spring term 2	Summer term 1	Summer term 2
Topic(s)	Revision Revision for the summer exam.	Revision Revision for the summer exam.	

Independent Study

Most of students' independent study in Year 11 will be one of the following:

- Learning independent study, in which you will spend time committing important information to memory.
- Practice exam questions.
- Revision.