

Year 7 ~ Curriculum Map for Religious Education

What are the intended aims for this year's curriculum? To ensure that all students have the foundation knowledge required to access the KS3 curriculum by reviewing key elements of the KS2 RE curriculum. To introduce students to religious, philosophical and ethical issues that underpin the RE curriculum throughout KS3 and KS4. To introduce students to the styles of exam questions that form the GCSE and enable them to begin to develop their skills in explaining and evaluating key concepts, beliefs and issues.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
	<p>Topic(s):</p> <p><i>INTRODUCTION TO RE – LOOKING FOR GOD</i></p> <p>In T1 and T2 students are taken through the topics they have covered at KS2 in order to reinforce their understanding. This lays the foundation for aspects of the next 5yrs of the RE curriculum.</p> <p>Aim of A&R</p>	<p>Topic(s):</p> <p><i>INTRODUCTION TO RE – LOOKING FOR GOD CONT.</i></p> <p>Aim of A&R</p>	<p>Topic(s):</p> <p><i>CHRISTIANITY</i></p> <p>In T3 and T4 students are taken through the key beliefs and practices of Christianity and how the religion influences lives today. This lays the foundations for elements of the Religion units of the GCSE.</p> <p>Aim of A&R</p>	<p>Topic(s):</p> <p><i>CHRISTIANITY CONT.</i></p> <p>Aim of A&R</p>	<p>Topic(s):</p> <p><i>INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS</i></p> <p>In T5 and T6 students are introduced to the study of ethics. This lays the foundations for elements of the Themes units of the GCSE.</p> <p>Aim of A&R/Summer exam</p>	<p>Topic(s):</p> <p><i>INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS CONT.</i></p> <p>Students will be considering a variety of moral issues and moral dilemmas. These dilemmas lay the foundations for aspects of the moral dilemmas studied at GCSE.</p> <p>Aim of EoY exam</p>
'Big idea(s)' / fundamental concepts	What is religion?	Religion in the community	God and the Bible	Christian faith in action	The origins of morality	Right and Wrong – Is it possible to create a universal moral principle?
Knowledge to be learnt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why do we study RE? - Is God real? Arguments for and against God's existence. - The origins and key beliefs of the 6 world religions - The historical Jesus including whether he can be considered 'radical' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Religion and the community - The challenge for religion in the 21st Century 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The concept of God - The Trinity - The Bible and its significance - Sources of Law - Situation Ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Denominations - Worship - Rites of passage - Pilgrimage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the origins of morality? - What does it mean to have rights? What are we doing to the planet? - Should we test on animals? Do animals have the same rights as humans? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there some things that are always morally wrong? - Dilemmas - Is lying always wrong? - Is violence always wrong?
Key vocabulary	Values, Fact, Opinion, Belief, Atheist, Theist, Agnostic, BCE, CE, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Symbol, Jesus, Church, Bible, Priest, Cross, Messiah, Resurrection, Synagogue, Rabi, Torah, Abraham, Star of David, Mosque, Muhammad, Qur'an, Imam, Crescent Moon and Star, Temple, Sutras, Sangha, Siddhartha, Wheel of Life, Guru Nanak, Gurdwara, Guru Granth Sahib, Granthi, Khanda, Humanists, Radical, Sacrilege, Sin	Community, Forgiveness, Justice, Bullying, Stereotypes, Prejudice, Discrimination, Halal, Kosher	Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnibenevolent, Eternal, Immanent, Formless, Infinite, Creator, Trinity, Father, Son, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Sacred, Prophecy, Prophet, Old Testament, New Testament, Gospels, Bible, Moral, Commandments, Idols, Sabbath, Covet, Adultery, Justice, Situation Ethics, Agape, Ultimate Duty, Presumptions, Joseph Fletcher, Pragmatic, Positive, Personal, Relativism, Sabbath	Denominations, Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, Quaker, Church of England, Sin, Pope, Jesus, Prayer, Altar, Font, Lectern, Pews, Pulpit, Rites of passage, Baptism/Christening, Confirmation, Marriage, Funeral, Symbol, Spiritual, Pilgrimage and sites, Worship, Devotion, Numinous, Tremendum et fascinans (HPA), Rudolf Otto (HPA)	Morality, Good, Evil, Rights, Pollution, Waste, Famine, Global Warming, Deforestation	Universal moral rules, Culture, Lying, Violence, Killing, Moral Dilemmas
The role of reading and comprehension	Reading, card sorts, word match games, Bible stories. e.g. Students have the opportunities to read passages from the Bible and retrieve key information from them.	Create and share diary entries on challenges of being religious in 21 st century, presentation on their community project. Reading passages from the Bible and retrieving key information.	Fact hunting using the Bible, Researching definitions, Card sorts. Students are taught how to read the Bible and take part in a word retrieval game.	Reading info cards to gather information in order to create fact files and answer questions. Match up games. Pilgrimage scavenger hunt. Interactive tasks where students have to read information sheets around the room in order to answer a set of questions.	Research for animal rights debate, presentations on animal testing.	Reading of moral scenarios and responding to questions relating to these.
	- To establish whether the key terminology required which will be referred to throughout KS3/4 has been understood. To enable class teacher to identify those aspects that will need to be revisited in order to aid students understanding of T2 topics.		- To establish whether the key terminology and concepts from T1-T3 which will be referred to throughout KS3/4 have been understood. To enable class teacher to identify those aspects that will need to be revisited in order to aid students understanding of T4 topics.		- To establish whether the key terminology and concepts from T1-T5 which will be referred to throughout KS3/4 have been understood. To enable class teacher to identify those aspects that will need to be revisited in order to aid students understanding of T6 topics where students will be expected to apply what they have learnt to a range of moral issues. Outcome of A&R will also enable staff to identify those areas over the course of T1-5 that students have not performed as well in and tailor revision materials for the summer exam appropriately.	
	- To establish whether the key terminology and core facts about world religions which will be referred to throughout KS3/4 has been understood and retained. To enable staff to identify areas for further development.		- To establish whether the key terminology and concepts from T1-T3 which will be referred to throughout KS3/4 have been understood. To enable class teacher to identify those aspects that will need to be revisited in order to aid students understanding of T4 topics.		- To allow staff to reflect on the POS and identify potential aspects of the SOW which need to be reviewed for the next year. To highlight those aspects of the A&R that students have performed less well in so to ensure that these elements are recapped at the relevant points throughout KS3/4.	

The role of independent extended writing	Introducing students to the styles of extended writing qs from the GCSE. Students are expected to explain religious beliefs and also formulate justified personal responses to the issues discussed. Additionally, students compile diary entries where they have to put themselves in the position of others, this enables them to develop skills needed to answer higher marked GCSE style questions where they are expected to consider opposing and religious views.		Developments of further GCSE exam style qs. Students are expected to explain the teachings of Jesus, discuss the meanings behind his parables/teachings and explain how the teachings could influence Christians and modern day moral dilemmas.		Extended writing tasks explaining Christian beliefs and practices, based on GCSE style qs.		Extended writing tasks explaining Christian beliefs and practices, based on GCSE style qs.		Further development of skills needed to tackle the higher marked GCSE style questions. Students have the opportunity to evaluate a range of different ethical issues and explain their own responses to such issues.		Further development of skills needed to tackle the higher marked GCSE style questions. Students have the opportunity to evaluate a range of different ethical issues and explain their own responses to such issues.
The role of maths/ numeracy	Chronology of religions, size of world religions, percentages of people who believe.		Review of size of religious community, voting and scoring of community projects, adding up A&R results and percentages.		Totalling how many books are in the Bible, adding up A&R results and percentages.		Ratio of denominations, adding up A&R results and percentages.		Incorporation of statistics on animal testing, adding up A&R results and percentages.		Statistical analysis, population figures
Links to careers/ aspirations	What can you do with a qualification in RE? Careers research.		Education, Events management and, media, working in advertising and marketing, Historian, Literary professions.		Education, Law and role of religious law in UK law – knowledge needed to be a lawyer, Archaeologist, Historian.		Education, Travel, Architect, Archaeologist, Historian.		Education, Medicine, Vet, Scientist, Researcher, Politician, Quango, Media, Artist. ss		Education, Researcher, Travel, Legal fields, Politician, Activist
Core skills	To be able to: Assess arguments connected to belief. Evaluate key arguments connected to theism and atheism. Explain and describe the origins of world religions. Identify key terms connected with belief and non - belief and the major world religions. Compare religious beliefs. Recall key terms connected to the unit. Communicate their views on issues connected to this unit and acknowledge differences in opinion. Work as a team for group activities.		To be able to: Assess the challenges religion faces. Evaluate issues religious believers face. Identify issues/challenges religious people face. Explain and describe a range of issues/challenges religion faces and how religions respond to these. Compare responses to challenges. Analyse challenges and responses. Recall key information connected to the unit. Plan and present a community project to enable community cohesion. Communicate their views on issues connected to this unit and acknowledge differences in opinion. Work as a team for group activities.		To be able to: Assess Christian beliefs and practices. Evaluate Christian beliefs and practices. Identify key elements of Christian belief and practice. Explain and describe Christian beliefs and practices, Compare Christian beliefs and practices. Analyse Christian beliefs and practices. Recall key features of Christian belief and practice and key terminology. Develop presentation skills. Develop research skills. Communicate their views on issues connected to this unit and acknowledge differences in opinion. Work as a team for group activities.		To be able to: Assess Christian beliefs and practices. Evaluate Christian beliefs and practices. Identify key elements of Christian belief and practice. Explain and describe Christian beliefs and practices, Compare Christian beliefs and practices. Analyse Christian beliefs and practices. Recall key features of Christian belief and practice and key terminology. Develop presentation skills. Develop research skills. Communicate their views on issues connected to this unit and acknowledge differences in opinion. Work as a team for group activities.		To be able to: Assess a range of issues connected to morality and ethics. Evaluate a range of arguments connected to morality and ethics. Identify a range of issues connected to moral and ethical dilemmas. Explain and describe a range of moral and ethical issues. Analyse a range of moral and ethical issues. Compare responses to a range of moral and ethical issues. Recall key information connected to this unit. Research arguments for and against selected ethical issues. Empathise with others. Debate selected moral and ethical issues. Communicate their views on issues connected to this unit and acknowledge differences in opinion. Work as a team for group activities.		To be able to: Assess a range of issues connected to morality and ethics. Evaluate a range of arguments connected to morality and ethics. Identify a range of issues connected to moral and ethical dilemmas. Explain and describe a range of moral and ethical issues. Analyse a range of moral and ethical issues. Compare responses to a range of moral and ethical issues. Recall key information connected to this unit. Research arguments for and against selected ethical issues. Empathise with others. Debate selected moral and ethical issues. Communicate their views on issues connected to this unit and acknowledge differences in opinion. Work as a team for group activities.
Dept. enrichment activities							Christian speaker.				

<p>Home learning opportunities</p>	<p>Film/ TV/ YouTube - TrueTube – Covers a range of topical issues linked to this unit - YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg6UgOFFW0lknjOzJfj9A</p> <p>Websites - https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt - Useful information website about the main faiths. Lots of videos exploring different aspects such as different people’s interpretations to whether there is a God or not.</p> <p>Local visits – Students could visit a range of different holy buildings to compare the differences e.g. 1) Canterbury Mosque for Islam. This mosque regularly has open days to allow the public to come and explore the mosque and the religion of Islam. https://canterburymosque.co.uk/new/ 2) Gurdwara in Gravesend: http://gurunanakdarbar.org/. Beautiful Gurdwara and a good comparison for places of worship.</p> <p>Books - <i>KS3 Religious Education Complete Study & Practice</i> By CGP Books – It contains clear balanced study notes covering the key beliefs and features of six religions Christianity Judaism Islam Hinduism Buddhism and Sikhism At the end of each section there’s a range of questions to test students on what they’ve learned and get them thinking about their own responses It’s all rounded off with a useful Glossary that summarises all the important religious terms that are used in the book.</p> <p><i>Children’s Bible</i> – May help students to read the stories surrounding Jesus so that they feel more comfortable discussing them.</p> <p><i>If I Could Ask God Anything: Awesome Bible Answers for Curious Kids</i> – This provides fresh answers to important questions about God, faith, prayer, and Christianity in language that children can understand.</p>		<p>Film/ TV/ YouTube - TrueTube – Covers a range of topical issues linked to this unit - YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg6UgOFFW0lknjOzJfj9A</p> <p>Saddleback Kids – YouTube – This channel is focused on the retelling of Bible stories in cartoon. 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Could be useful for a more visual understanding. https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=saddleback+kids</p> <p>The Big Story - The Gospel Project For Kids – YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urwZP2WGdHc</p> <p>What Is The Bible? – YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak06MSETeo4&list=PLH0Szn1yYNedn4FbBMMtOIGN-BPLQ54IH&index=2&t=0s</p> <p>The Story of the Bible – YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_CGP-12AE0&list=PLH0Szn1yYNedn4FbBMMtOIGN-BPLQ54IH&t=21s&index=3</p> <p>TrueTube – Covers a range of topical issues linked to this unit - YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg6UgOFFW0lknjOzJfj9A</p> <p>Websites - https://request.org.uk/ - Lots of useful videos exploring the Christian faith.</p> <p>Books - <i>KS3 Religious Education Complete Study & Practice</i> By CGP Books.</p> <p><i>Children’s Bible.</i></p> <p><i>The Action Bible by Doug Mauss.</i></p> <p><i>If I Could Ask God Anything: Awesome Bible Answers for Curious Kids.</i></p>		<p>Film/ TV/ YouTube - TrueTube – Covers a range of topical issues linked to this unit - YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg6UgOFFW0lknjOzJfj9A</p> <p>Websites – https://request.org.uk/ - Lots of useful videos exploring the Christian faith.</p> <p>Local visits – Students could visit their local church to identify the different parts that make up the church building. They could also explore different types of churches. This could include a trip to Canterbury Cathedral as well for students to identify the differences between a church and a cathedral. Students could visit a range of different holy buildings to compare the differences e.g. 1) Canterbury Mosque for Islam. This mosque regularly has open days to allow the public to come and explore the mosque and the religion of Islam. https://canterburymosque.co.uk/new/ 2) Gurdwara in Gravesend: http://gurunanakdarbar.org/. 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