

Curriculum Mapping in Religious Studies

KS2 (Years 5–6) 2-year rolling course

Year	Term	Content	Key Skills	Vocabulary
Year 5	Autumn	Worth & Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding worship Exploring religious artefacts Expressing beliefs through art and music 	Worship, God, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Sikhism, Hinduism, worth, love, respect.
Year 5	Spring	What is religion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying main beliefs Recognising symbols Understanding festivals and holy books 	Power, vulnerability, secularity, debate, prayer, belief, God, worship, rules, stories, celebrations, symbols.
Year 5	Summer	Freedom & Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring human rights Understanding justice vs freedom Non-violent protest movements 	Freedom, justice, protests, rights, rules, kindness, sharing, truth, respect, helping, equality, peace, choices.
Year 6	Autumn	Hinduism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding Hindu beliefs Karma and reincarnation Exploring Hindu gods and festivals 	Aum, Vedas, mandir, God, prayer, family, Dharma, Karma, peace, respect, festival, yoga, Trimurti.
Year 6	Spring	Buddhism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding Buddhist beliefs Eightfold Path Spiritual balance and harmony 	Buddha, temple, Siddhartha Gautama, 3 Signs of Being, soul, moral, 4 Noble Truths, Eightfold Path, karma, reincarnation, pagoda, stupa, Nirvana.
Year 6	Summer	Judaism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding Jewish beliefs Festivals and traditions Exploring the Torah and synagogue 	Rabbi, synagogue, Torah, Shabbat, prayer, Passover, Hanukkah, Kosher, Kippah, Hebrew, Scroll, Star of David.

KS3 (Years 7–9)

Year	Term	Content	Key Skills	Texts or Trips
Year 7	Autumn	What is religion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 main world religions God, creation stories and rules Holy Books & Festivals Is religion important today? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy book, religious leader, place of worship, symbol, festival, creation story, theist, atheist, agnostic, secular. Visit from Ian Douglas from Gideon Bibles.
Year 7	Spring	What is Hinduism?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography of India, early myths concerning the creation of the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandir, aum, Veda, priest, Holi, Diwali, Navaratri, karma, reincarnation, puja, Ganesh, Rama & Sita. Visit to Neasden Mandir.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karma, the power that keeps the Wheel of Life turning, reincarnation, Hindu gods – Rama & Sita, Ganesh, Trimurti • Vedas, Bhagavad Gita 	
Year 7	Summer	What is Buddhism?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life and legacy of the Buddha • Boxed game and Buddhist lantern project • Enlightenment, Eight-fold path, philosophy of harmony and spiritual balance • Buddhist scriptures, places of worship and festivals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddha, enlightenment, Siddhartha Gautama, lotus, meditation, nirvana, temple, monk, nun, Eightfold Path, Dharma Wheel, Wesak, Tripitaka.
Year 8	Autumn	What is Sikhism?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Sikhism & Guru Nanak • Guru Granth Sahib, festival of Vaisakhi & Gurdwara • Can Sikhs practise their religion in a multi-faith society? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guru Nanak, Ik Onkar, Khanda, Gurdwara, Kesh, Kanga, Kachera, Kirpan, Kara, Granthi, Khalsa, Vaisakhi • Visit to Hitchin Gurdwara
Year 8	Spring	What is Judaism?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Judaism & Abraham, Moses & Noah. • The Torah, festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, Passover and Yom Kippur. • The synagogue. • Why might the Jewish world be broken? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham, Moses, Noah, Torah, synagogue, Rosh Hashanah, Passover, Yom Kippur, Hanukkah, Tikkun Olam, Star of David, Rabbi. • Visit to WGC synagogue.
Year 8	Summer	What is Christianity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus and his teachings • The Trinity • The church, festivals of Christmas, Easter & Lent, the Bible and Christian symbols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church, Bible, Jesus, cross, Trinity, Paschal Lamb, Ichthus, Baptism, Samaritan. • Visit to Digswell Parish Church.
Year 9	Autumn	Christian Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms of worship, baptism, Eucharist, sacraments, festivals, pilgrimage & celebrations, Christianity in Britain & the local & worldwide church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omnipotent, omnibenevolent, Trinity, incarnation, atonement, resurrection, sacraments, evangelism, Eucharist / Holy Communion, Messiah, salvation, covenant.
Year 9	Spring	Islam Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mosque, 5 Pillars, 10 Obligatory Acts, Jihad, Eid al Adha, Eid al Fitr, Ashura, festivals and commemorations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tawhid, prophethood, halal, haram, mosque, shariah, ummah, Allah, Jihad, Eid al Fitr, Eid al Adha. • Visit to Regent's Park Mosque.
Year 9	Summer	Relationships – Christianity & Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of relationships in Christianity & Islam and the roles of women. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adultery, divorce, cohabitation, commitment, contraception, walimah, annulment, Nikah, prejudice, gender equality, homosexuality, mahr.

KS4 (Years 10–11)

Year	Term	Content	Key Skills	Texts or Trips
Year 10	Autumn	Christian Beliefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of God, • Creation, • Jesus, • Salvation • The Afterlife. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omnipotent, omnibenevolent, Trinity, incarnation, atonement, resurrection, sacraments, evangelism, Eucharist/Holy Communion, Messiah, salvation, covenant.
Year 10	Spring	Islam Beliefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of Allah • Prophets • Angels • The Afterlife • Foundations of faith. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tawhid, prophethood, halal, haram, mosque, shariah, ummah, Allah, Jihad, Eid al Fitr, Eid al Adha.
Year 10	Summer	Life and Death Christianity and Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The world • The origin and value of life • Beliefs about death • and the Afterlife. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afterlife, dominion, steward, euthanasia, abortion, evolution, quality of life, sanctity of life, soul, rites, environmental sustainability.
Year 11	Autumn	Good and Evil Christianity and Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime & punishment • Forgiveness • Good, evil and suffering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good, evil, forgiveness, free will, justice, morality, punishment, sin, suffering.
Year 11	Spring	Human Rights Christianity and Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights and social justice • Prejudice & discrimination, • Issues of wealth & poverty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Censorship, discrimination, extremism, human rights, personal conviction, prejudice, relative poverty, absolute poverty, social justice.
Year 11	Summer	Revision and exam preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core content and specialist knowledge: • Revise and practice exam papers in preparation for your final exams in RS. 	<p>The compulsory nature of these components ensures that learners know and understand the fact that the religious traditions of Great Britain are, in the main, Christian, but also diverse and the following religious and non-religious traditions will be studied: Islam, Humanism and Atheism.</p>