

STUDIO WEST SCHOOL LEARNING JOURNEY – Religious Education



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	<p>Religion in the UK</p> <p>An introduction to world views and an exploration of beliefs; theism, atheism, agnostic & humanist.; Beliefs about creation, a comparison of Christian and Hindu beliefs alongside the Big Bang theory.</p>	<p>The incarnation of Jesus</p> <p>An exploration of the main religious tradition in the UK through the incarnation of Jesus; a focus on the historical Jesus and the representation in the Bible; the miracles of Jesus; parables and the validity of the nativity story.</p>	<p>Religious leaders</p> <p>An exploration of key historical religious figures and how their story has shaped the world and impacted believers' lives; including Rama and Sita, Muhammed, Abraham, and Buddha.</p>	<p>Religious lifestyles</p> <p>A discovery of significant beliefs and practices of different faiths through rites of passage; death, Birth ceremonies, Marriage, and key festivals</p>	<p>Religion in the Northeast</p> <p>An investigation of aspects of religious belief visible in the rich cultural history of our region including Lindisfarne, Blackfriars, and Durham Cathedral.</p>	<p>Sikhism</p> <p>An introduction to Sikhism including a visit to the Gurdwara in Newcastle. A study of the Ten Gurus, 5 K's and a focus on Sikh attitudes to justice and equality.</p>
Year 8	<p>The existence of God</p> <p>An exploration of the nature of God in Christianity and attempts by philosophers to prove His existence including the Cosmological and Teleological arguments, Miracles & Pascals Wager.</p>	<p>Death and the afterlife</p> <p>An exploration of religious beliefs about what happens when we die including near death experiences, reincarnation, Heaven & Hell, Karma, Jannah & Jahannam, the resurrection and Moksha.</p>	<p>Ethics 1</p> <p>An introduction to the moral viewpoints that are ethics, considering are there any laws that should be broken; a study of the prison system and aims of punishment; religious views about the death penalty; case study of Jamie Bulger to consider how we should treat criminals and the nature/nurture debate.</p>	<p>Ethics 2</p> <p>An investigation into Human Rights, equality, and discrimination with a focus on key figures in history who have stood up to social injustice including Martin Luther King Jnr, Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Malala Yousafzai.</p>	<p>Islam</p> <p>An exploration of Islamic beliefs including the night journey of Muhammed, what happens inside a Mosque, the authority of the Quran and the differences between Sunni and Shia practices.</p>	<p>Islam</p> <p>A continuation of Islam with a focus on the Five pillars; Shahada, Salah, Zakat, Sawm and Hajj; key festivals Eid & Ashura.</p>

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<p>Year 9</p>	<p>Religion in modern society</p> <p>Exploring the role of religion in the world today mapping religious affiliation around the globe and discussing issues such as extremism, Windrush and the role of the church in the community, for instance food banks and street pastors.</p>	<p>Ethics 3</p> <p>An exploration of medical ethics and the sanctity of life vs quality of life debate through the lens of contraception, abortion, and euthanasia. Moral issues surrounding female circumcision and SRS.</p>	<p>Religion and war</p> <p>An exploration of the connection between war and religion, the morality of war studying the impact of war and weapons of mass destruction, religious responses to war & victims of war, how the Church works to promote peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.</p>	<p>Judaism</p> <p>An introduction to Judaism including the life of Moses, the Ten commandments, Exodus, dietary laws, and a comparison of expressions of identity; orthodox, conservative, reform and liberal.</p>	<p>Persecution and suffering</p> <p>An exploration of suffering including examples of persecution; the Holocaust and Myanmar and religious responses towards the reasons for suffering and how to explain suffering, the story of Job.</p>	<p>Buddhism</p> <p>An introduction to the teachings of the Buddha including the 3 Jewels, 4 Noble truths and Noble eightfold path, Dukkha, Ahimsa and Buddhism in action exploring meditation.</p>
<p>Year 10</p>	<p>Christianity Beliefs, Teachings & Practices</p> <p>An in-depth study of Christian beliefs following the AQA specification to include the nature of God in Christianity, the Trinity, creation, incarnation, death, and resurrection of Christ including ideas of atonement and salvation. Life after death including judgement. Christian forms of worship, Baptism, pilgrimage, Christmas and Easter, the role of the Church in the community, Mission and evangelism, persecution, and reconciliation. Responses to poverty.</p>	<p>Relationships & Family</p> <p>A critical study of the nature and purpose of Christian family, contraception, the purpose of marriage, human sexuality including homosexuality and same sex marriage. Sex before and outside of marriage, adultery and divorce including annulment, gender</p>	<p>Crime & Punishment</p> <p>An exploration of religion, crime, and the causes of crime Good and evil intentions Reasons for crime, and types of crime. The aims of punishment, the treatment of criminals including forgiveness & the death penalty.</p>	<p>Islam beliefs, Teachings & Practices</p> <p>An in-depth study of Islam following the AQA specification to include the concept of Tawhid, the six articles of faith in and five roots of Usul ad Din, the role of the imamate in Shia Islam, belief in Angels and Risalah with a focus on Muhammed, Adam, and Abraham. Predestination and the Akhirah including judgement and Jannah and Jannaham, the authority of holy books. The five pillars of Islam, Jihad, and the festivals of Eid ul Fitr, Eid u Adha and Ashura.</p>		

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		discrimination and the roles of men and women.			
Year 11	<p>Religion and Life</p> <p>An in-depth study of religious teachings about the origins of the universe, and different interpretations of these, the origins of life; the concepts of sanctity of life and the quality of life. The value of the world; stewardship, dominion, responsibility, awe, and wonder.</p> <p>The use and abuse of the environment & the use and abuse of animals. Ethical arguments related to abortion and Euthanasia.</p> <p>Beliefs about death and an afterlife, and their impact on beliefs about the value of human life.</p>	<p>The existence of God</p> <p>A philosophical study including Visions & miracles, the nature of the divine and revelation; Nature as general revelation. Philosophical arguments for and against the existence of God including the Design argument, including its strengths and weaknesses, the First Cause argument, including its strengths and weaknesses. Evil and suffering as an argument against the existence of God. & arguments based on science against the existence of God.</p>	Revision	Exam	