



Religious Studies – Year 7

Topics												
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Term 1	Introduction and Development of Religion		Where in the World- finding the major world religions		Connections between the major religions		Is religion still important in the world?		End of Unit Assessment	Is Christianity still relevant in the UK today? What has Christianity ever done for us?	Life of Jesus - Birth	Life of Jesus - Man of Peace, Man of Conflict
Term 2	Life of Jesus - Death and Resurrection		Key Beliefs - The Two Great Commandments	Christian Places of Worship	The authority of the Bible	End of Unit Assessment	Islam in the UK today	Key Beliefs - Tawhid, Risalah and Akhirah	Life of Muhammad 1		Life of Muhammad 2	
Term 3	The Holy Book of Islam	The Mosque around the world	End of Unit Assessment	What is Ethics		The sanctity of life	Animal rights human wrongs	Environmental ethics	Revision, End of Year Assessments and Feedback		Medical ethics / Is there any law that should be broken?	



Religious Studies – Year 8

	Topics											
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Term 1	Judaism in the UK today	Key Beliefs in Judaism	The Holy books of Judaism	The Synagogue	Shabbat	Celebrations in Judaism 1 - Pesach		End of Unit Assessment	Introduction to Buddhism	The Life of the Buddha 1	The life of the Buddha 2	
Term 2	Key Beliefs	The Temple around the world		Symbolism in Buddhism	End of Unit Assessment	Introduction to Hinduism	Key Hindu beliefs about God	Features of Hindu temple		Worship at the Temple	Symbolism in Hinduism	Celebrations in Hinduism
Term 3	End of Unit Assessment	Introduction to Sikhism	Guru Nanak and the Key Beliefs of Sikhism		The Gurdwara	Sikh Worship	The authority of the Guru Granth Sahib	Guru Gobind Singh and the 5Ks	Revision, End of Year Assessments and Feedback		Philosophy (optional): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arguments for / against the existence of God • The problem of Evil • Ideas of Immortality • Miracles 	



Religious Studies – Year 9 (GCSE Short Course)

Topics												
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Term 1	Reasons for war, including greed, self-defence and retaliation		Religious attitudes to war and peace		Religious attitudes to WMD		Religions allowing war - holy war and just war		Religious teachings about violence, violent protest and terrorism		Religious beliefs and teachings about justice	
Term 2	Religious beliefs about forgiveness		Religious responses to the victims of war	Religion and peacekeeping	End of Unit Assessment		Nature of G-d: the creator; as one	Nature of G-d: law-giver and judge; the Divine Presence (Shechinah)	Covenant with Abraham; Promised Land; Genesis 12: 1-3	Covenant with Moses; Sinai Covenant; Exodus 20:1-17		Free will, the 613 mitzvot and the 10 Commandments
Term 3	Free will, the 613 mitzvot and the 10 Commandments	Mitzvot between man and G-d and between man and man	Key moral principles: justice; healing the world; kindness; charity		Sanctity of life; principle of 'saving a life' - pikuach nefesh		The nature and role of the Messiah; importance		Beliefs about life after death; judgment and resurrection	What is Kosher?	Revision, End of Year Exam and Feedback	



Religious Studies – Year 10 (GCSE Short Course)

Topics - Theme A: Relationships and Families and Buddhism Beliefs and Teachings

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Term 1	Religious beliefs and teachings about human sexuality	Religious teachings about contraception and family planning	The nature and purpose of marriage	The purpose of families: procreation, protection of children, education	The nature of families and the role of parents	Religious teachings about sexual relationships outside marriage	Religious and ethical arguments related to divorce	Roles of men and women	Gender equality; gender prejudice and discrimination	Same -sex marriage and co-habitation	Contemporary family issues: same-sex parents and polygamy	Revision for Mock
Term 2	End of Unit Assessment Mock Exam		Buddhism - introduction	The Buddha's life and its significance 1 - birth and life of luxury	The Buddha's life and its Significance 2 - The Four Sights (Jataka 075); ascetic life; enlightenment	What is Dhamma (Dharma)? What is the concept of dependent arising?	The Three Marks of Existence: dukkha (suffering); anicca (impermanence); anatta (no fixed soul)	The Four Noble Truths 1 - suffering (dukkha); the causes of suffering (samudaya); Three Poisons - ignorance, greed, hate		The Four Noble Truths 2 - craving (tanha) and end of craving; nibbana (nirvana);	The Eightfold Path (magga) - the Threefold Way: ethics (sila), meditation (samadhi), wisdom (panna). Dhammapada 190-191	The human personality in the Theravada and Mahayana traditions: Theravada: the Five Aggregates (skandhas); Mahayana: sunyata, Buddhahood and Buddha-nature
Term 3	Human destiny: different ideals in Theravada and Mahayana traditions: 'Arhat' and Bodhisattva ideals; Buddhahood and the Pure Land		Ethical teachings 1 - kamma (karma) and rebirth; compassion (karuna) Ethical teachings 2 - loving kindness (metta); the five moral precepts	Ethical teachings 3 - the six perfections in the Mahayana tradition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for Short Course GCSE exam Short Course GCSE Exam (approx.) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-exam revision / extra sessions in Humanities 				



Religious Studies – Year 10 (GCSE Full Course)

Topics - Theme E: Religion Crime & Punishment and Judaism Practices

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Term 1	Introduction: Religion and Rules	Types of Crime	What is the Worst crime?	Causes of crime	Good and Evil; is crime linked to evil?		Aims of punishment		Suffering and helping those who suffer because of crime		Treatment of offenders, victims and forgiveness	
Term 2	Types of punishment 1: Prisons		Types of punishment 2: Community Service	Types of punishment 3: Corporal punishment	Types of punishment 4: The death penalty		End of Unit Assessment	The written law (the Tenakh) and the oral law (Talmud), their use and significance in daily life.	Dietary laws and their significance; kosher and trefah; separation of milk and meat.	The synagogue and its importance; the design and religious features of synagogues		Public acts of worship including synagogue services in both Orthodox and Reform synagogues
Term 3	The significance of prayer, including Amidah, the standing prayer.		Worship in the home and private prayer		Shabbat in the home and synagogue and its significance		Jewish Rites of Passage: Ceremonies associated with birth including Brit Mila; Bar and Bat Mitzvah; the marriage ceremony; mourning rituals.		Festivals in Judaism: Festivals including the origins and meaning of: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; Pesach		End of Unit Assessment	



Religious Studies – Year 11 (GCSE Full Course)

Topics - Theme F: Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice and Buddhism Practices

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Term 1	Introduction ; key terms	Social justice	Human rights; UN Declaration of Human Rights; Human Rights Act		Freedom of Religion and freedom of religious expression		Should religious people openly express their beliefs?	Prejudice; types of prejudice: sexuality; disability; gender		Racism	Wealth and the causes of poverty	
Term 2	Exploitation of the poor	People trafficking	Responsibility for those living in poverty	Charity		Poverty in the UK	End of Unit Assessment	Places of worship: temples, shrines, monasteries (viharas), gompas; Buddha rupa, artefacts, offerings	How Buddhists worship: Puja, the role of puja / devotional ritual in home and temple	Meditation		Samatha Meditation
Term 3	Vipassana	Visualisation of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas	Practice and significance of ceremonies and rituals associated with death and mourning in Theravada communities (in Japan and Tibet)		Wesak and Parinirvana Day	Ethical teachings 1 - karma (karma) and rebirth	Ethical teachings 2 - compassion (karuna)	Ethical teachings 2 - loving kindness (metta)	Five Moral Precepts; Six Perfections		End of Unit Assessment (er, the GCSE exam!)	



Religious Studies – Year 11 (GCSE Full Course)

Topics - Theme B: Religion and Life and Buddhism Practices

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Term 1	Introduction key elements of the course	Origins of the Universe and life	Charles Darwin and evolution	Genesis creation story; comparing the two accounts of creation	The value of the world - key concepts	Abuse of the environment; global warming and climate change	Destruction of natural habitats	Caring for the world	Animals and animal rights	Animal experimentation	Animals as food	The value of human life:
Term 2	Abortion	Reasons for and against abortion	Euthanasia	The hospice movement	Religious attitudes to life	Religious attitudes about death and an afterlife	End of Unit Assessment	Places of worship: temples, shrines, monasteries (viharas), gompas; Buddha rupa, artefacts, offerings	How Buddhists worship: Puja, the role of puja / devotional ritual in home and temple	Meditation		Samatha Meditation
Term 3	Vipassana	Visualisation of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas	Practice and significance of ceremonies and rituals associated with death and mourning in Theravada communities (in Japan and Tibet)		Wesak and Parinirvana Day	Ethical teachings 1 - kamma (karma) and rebirth	Ethical teachings 2 - compassion (karuna)	Ethical teachings 2 - loving kindness (metta)	Five Moral Precepts; Six Perfections		End of Unit Assessment (remember, the GCSE exam!)	