



## Curriculum Intent

Subject: GCSE Religious Studies  
Year 10

	What?	Why?
Term 1-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Recap Buddhist beliefs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Buddha (4 sights and 4 NT)</li> <li>- Enlightenment, Meditation and Dhamma.</li> <li>- Dependent Arising.</li> <li>- Three marks of existence.</li> <li>- Different Buddhist denominations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Recap Buddhist practices.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Places and features of worship.</li> <li>- Types of meditation and visualisation.</li> <li>- Death.</li> <li>- Festivals and retreat.</li> <li>- Karma, Karuna and Metta.</li> <li>- 5 Moral Precepts and 6 Perfections.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Preparing Paper 1.</li> <li>● Enriching knowledge of Buddhism.</li> </ul>
Term 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Recap Christian beliefs.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Denominations.</li> <li>- Nature of God.</li> <li>- Creation – Genesis and John 1.</li> <li>- Incarnation, Resurrection, Crucifixion and Ascension.</li> <li>- Afterlife, Judgement, Heaven and Hell.</li> <li>- Sin and Salvation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Recap Christian Practices.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Types of Worship.</li> <li>- Prayer – set prayers and informal.</li> <li>- Sacraments – Baptism, Holy Communion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Preparing Paper 1.</li> <li>● Enriching knowledge of Christianity.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pilgrimage.</li> <li>- Festivals – Christmas and Easter.</li> <li>- Role of the Church in the local community.</li> <li>- Mission and evangelism.</li> <li>- Christian persecution and the Church’s response to world poverty.</li> </ul>	
<p>Term 2-1</p>	<p><b>Theme D</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Justice.</li> <li>● Forgiveness and Reconciliation.</li> <li>● Violence.</li> <li>● Terrorism.</li> <li>● War – reasons and causes.</li> <li>● Holy and Just wars.</li> <li>● Victims of war.</li> <li>● Weapons of mass destruction / nuclear weapons.</li> <li>● Peace and pacifism.</li> </ul> <p><b>RECAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Key terms.</li> <li>▪ Christian and Buddhist beliefs and how they link into the theme.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To prepare Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict. (Paper 2)</li> <li>▪ Develop understanding of key philosophical and ethical issues relevant to society.</li> <li>▪ To learn the different religious beliefs that tie in with the thematic issues and how these impact society.</li> <li>▪ To reflect on and develop their own values, beliefs and attitudes in light of what they have learnt.</li> </ul>
<p>Term 2-2</p>	<p><b>Theme E</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Types of crime.</li> <li>● Causes of crime.</li> <li>● Good and evil.</li> <li>● Aims of punishment.</li> <li>● Suffering and religious attitudes.</li> <li>● Victim support.</li> <li>● Forgiveness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To prepare Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment. (Paper 2)</li> <li>▪ Develop understanding of key philosophical and ethical issues relevant to society.</li> <li>▪ To learn the different religious beliefs that tie in with the thematic issues and how these impact society.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment of criminals.</li> <li>• Prisons.</li> <li>• Community Service.</li> <li>• Corporal punishment.</li> <li>• Capital punishment.</li> </ul> <p><b>RECAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Key terms.</li> <li>▪ Christian and Buddhist beliefs and how they link into the theme.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To reflect on and develop their own values, beliefs and attitudes in light of what they have learnt.</li> </ul>
Term 3-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recap Theme A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sexuality including contraception and family planning.</li> <li>- Marriage.</li> <li>- Cohabitation and same sex marriage.</li> <li>- urpose of family and parenting.</li> <li>- Divorce and remarriage.</li> <li>- Gender equality.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Recap Theme B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Big Bang Theory and Darwin and evolution.</li> <li>- Genesis creation stories.</li> <li>- Environmental issues.</li> <li>- Animal rights and experiments.</li> <li>- Abortion.</li> <li>- Euthanasia, right to die, hospice movement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prepare for the Paper 2 written exam.</li> <li>• To continue building knowledge that will assist them through life.</li> </ul>
Term 3-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recap Theme D</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Justice.</li> <li>- Forgiveness and reconciliation.</li> <li>- Violence and terrorism</li> <li>- War including victims of war.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prepare for the Paper 2 written exam.</li> <li>• To continue building knowledge that will assist them through life.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Weapons of mass destruction / nuclear weapons.</li><li>- Peace and pacifism.</li><li>• <b>Recap Theme E</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Crime.</li><li>- Good and evil.</li><li>- Aims of punishment.</li><li>- Suffering including victim support.</li><li>- Forgiveness.</li><li>- Treatment of criminals including prisons.</li><li>- Different types of punishment.</li></ul></li></ul>	
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