

The Humanities Department at Wexham School
Religious Studies Curriculum Map



Term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	What is meant by religion and worldview?	What do Hindu's believe?	How might following humanist beliefs affect a person's way of living?	Christianity: (Christian Beliefs) Pupils to explore the different beliefs within Christianity. Pupils will assess different attitudes to nature of God and the life of Jesus.	Theme B – Religion and Life: Pupils to explain contrasting beliefs on the issues of abortion, euthanasia and animal experimentation.	OCR Component 1: Philosophy of Religion Students study philosophical language and thought, and issues and questions raised by belief:	Covering the content for OCR Component 2: Religion and Ethics Component 02: Religion and ethics Students explore key concepts and the works of influential thinkers, ethical theories and their application:
Autumn 2	How and why did Christianity become a global religion?	What influences a Muslim's way of living?	How might following humanist beliefs affect a person's way of living?	Christianity: (Christian Practices) Pupils will have an in-depth study on different practices within Christianity. Pupils will study the different ways in which baptism and Holy Communion are celebrated.	Theme D – Peace and Conflict: Pupils to explain contrasting beliefs on the issues of violence, weapons of mass destruction and pacifism.	• Ancient philosophical influences • the nature of the soul, mind and body • Arguments about the existence or non-existence of God • The nature and impact of religious experience • The challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil • Ideas about the nature of God	Normative ethical theories The application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance Ethical language and thought
Spring 1	What do Jews believe about God?	What are non-religious worldviews?	Is there a God and how do people think they know?	Islam: (Islamic Beliefs) Pupils will have an in-depth study of different practices within Islam. Pupils will study the importance of the 5 Pillars and different festivals within Islam.	Theme E – Crime and Punishment: Pupils to explain contrasting beliefs on the issues of corporal punishment, death penalty and forgiveness.		

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						Issues in religious language.	
Spring 2	What do Buddhists believe about the Buddha and why do people follow him?	What influences a Christians way of living?	How might following the teachings of the Buddha affect a person's way of living?	Islam: (Islamic Practices) Pupils to explore the different beliefs within Islam. Pupils will assess the different beliefs on life after death and the importance of prophets within Islam	Revision: Paper 1 Focus (Beliefs and Practices) Pupils to learn key revision techniques such as mind maps, exam technique and talk for writing strategies.	Covering the content for OCR Component 3: Developments in Religious Thoughts. Pupils will study Christianity from the chosen religions available They explore: - Religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world - Sources of religious wisdom and authority - Practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary	Continuation from above: Debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience Sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs. Once the content is finished, pupils are revising for the exams.
Summer 1	How and why did Islam become a global religion?	Is there life after death?	What do we mean by ethics?	Theme A – Relationships: Pupils to explain contrasting beliefs on contraception, sexual relationships before marriage and homosexual relationships.	Revision: Themes Focus Pupils to learn key revision techniques such as mind maps, exam technique and talk for writing strategies.		
Summer 2	What do Sikh's believe?	How has religion influenced culture?	Is capital punishment acceptable?	Relationships: Pupils to explain contrasting beliefs on contraception, sexual relationships before marriage and homosexual relationships.			

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				technique and talk for writing strategies.		within a tradition • Significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought • Key themes related to the relationship between religion and society.	
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