

# Curriculum Overview |



## What will my child learn in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Year 7</b>	 <p><b><u>What is RPE?</u></b></p> <p>What would an alien think if it landed in Taunton on Christmas day? What are ultimate questions and what are some of their answers? Why do we study RPE? What is your worldview?</p>	<p><b><u>What does it mean to be human?</u></b></p> <p>What makes a human being? Do human beings have a soul? What are Dualism and Materialism? Can a robot ever be human? Are humans more important than animals? Should humans eat animals?</p>	 <p><b><u>What is Sikhism?</u></b></p> <p>What are the 5Ks? How do the 5Ks fit in to British Society today? Who were the 10 Sikh Gurus?</p>	 <p><b><u>What is Sikhism?</u></b></p> <p>How does the Gurdwara reflect Sikh beliefs? How do Sikhs serve others?</p>	<p><b><u>Why do people think Jesus is inspirational?</u></b></p>  <p>Who inspires you? Who did Jesus say he was? Is Jesus' life story inspiring? Was Jesus a good teacher? Who did Jesus think was important?</p>	<p><b><u>Why do people think Jesus is inspirational?</u></b></p>  <p>Are Jesus' miracles inspiring? How are Holy week and Easter expressions of Christian belief? Is Jesus still important today? What would a 21<sup>st</sup> century Jesus be like?</p>
<b>Year 8</b>	 <p><b><u>How do people make moral decisions?</u></b></p> <p>What influences decision making? What is utilitarianism and the trolley dilemma? How do religious laws help people make decisions? How do non-religious people make decisions? Does the conscience influence decision making?</p>	 <p><b><u>How do Buddhists Make Moral Decisions?</u></b></p> <p>Who was the Buddha? What did the Buddha teach? How do Buddhists cope with suffering in life? How are Buddhists guided by the 5 precepts and 8-fold path when making decisions? How do Buddhists express their beliefs through art?</p>	 <p><b><u>How do Buddhists Make Moral Decisions?</u></b></p> <p>What is meditation? What is the Buddhist wheel of life? How do Buddhists express their beliefs through art?</p>	 <p><b><u>Is religion a cause of conflict or a power for peace?</u></b></p> <p>Is violence necessary? Does religion cause war? What is the Just War Theory? What is Pacifism? What is forgiveness?</p>	<p><b><u>What is Islam?</u></b></p>  <p>Who was Muhammad? Why is the Qur'an important to Muslims? What are the six key beliefs in Islam? What do the 5 pillars mean to Muslims?</p>	<p><b><u>What is Islam?</u></b></p>  <p>How does the Hajj show equality? What do Sunni and Shia Muslims have in common? How do Muslims express their beliefs through art?</p>

Year 9



How can we know anything?

**Do you exist?**

What is your worldview?  
Can you prove you exist?  
Are we living in Plato's cave? How does the media influence you?  
What is censorship?

Does God exist?



How is God described in different religions? What are the classical arguments for and against the existence of God?



What is equality and social justice?

**What is Social Justice?**

What is prejudice? Are stereotypes damaging?  
How do religions work for social justice? Have LGBTQ+ people achieved equality? Is the world sexist? How can schools tackle racism?

How are women viewed in Islam?



Western perspectives on Islam What is the Hijab? Who is Malala Yousafzai and how has she worked for social justice? What are Human Rights? Is Education the most important Human Right?

How are women viewed in Islam?



Does Religion have a future?

Is the UK 'post-religious'?  
Can you be spiritual but not religious? Is Atheism a religion? Is Humanism a religion?  
Does religion have a future?

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<b>Year 10</b>	<p><b><u>Religion and Life – paper 2</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The origins of the universe and Human life.</li> <li>- The value of the world and the environment</li> <li>- Animal Rights</li> <li>- Abortion and Euthanasia</li> <li>- Life after Death</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Christian Beliefs and teachings- paper 1</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The nature of God and the Trinity</li> <li>- Christian beliefs about Jesus and his life, death and resurrection.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Christian Beliefs and teachings- paper 1</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christian beliefs about Jesus as Saviour and the afterlife and judgement.</li> <li>- Sin and salvation.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Christian Practices</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prayer and worship.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Christian Practices- paper 1</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Baptism and Holy Communion</li> <li>- Christian Pilgrimages</li> <li>- Christian Festivals</li> <li>- The role of the Church in the Community and the world.</li> <li>- Evangelism, Persecution and Poverty.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Buddhist Beliefs and Teachings- paper 1</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The life of the Buddha.</li> <li>- Buddhist teachings- 3 marks of existence, 4 Noble Truths, Nobel Eightfold Path.</li> <li>- Different Buddhist Traditions and teachings</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Buddhist Practices- paper 1</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Buddhist worship.</li> <li>- Types of meditation.</li> <li>- Ceremonies around death.</li> <li>- Karma and rebirth.</li> <li>- Teachings about love and the 5 moral precepts. and 6 perfections.</li> </ul>
<b>Year 11</b>	<p><b><u>Relationships and Families- paper 2</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Sexuality</li> <li>-Marriage</li> <li>-Contraception</li> <li>- Divorce</li> <li>-Purpose of the family</li> <li>-Gender equality</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Religion Peace and conflict- paper 2</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Concept of peace, justice and reconciliation.</li> <li>-Violence, protest and terrorism.</li> <li>-War and its causes</li> <li>-Role of religion in war.</li> <li>-Weapons of mass destruction.</li> <li>-Pacifism</li> <li>-Responses to victims of war.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Religion, Crime and Punishment- paper 2</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Causes of crime.</li> <li>-Different types of crime.</li> <li>-Aims of punishment.</li> <li>-The treatment of criminals.</li> <li>-Forgiveness.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Revision</u></b></p> <p>The above topics may over-run. The plan however, is to have time for revision of the units for both GCSE exam papers.- 2 x one hour 45 minute papers.</p>	<p><b><u>Revision</u></b></p> <p>Final revision of for exams</p>	