**RE GCSE Curriculum Overview**

Below is a curriculum overview, showing what is taught at each stage of the year.

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|  | **Cycle 1** | **Cycle 2** | **Cycle 3** |
| **Year 9**  **GCSE RE** | **Topic:** Christian Beliefs  **Overview:**   * Christian Denominations * The Nature of God * The Trinity * The Problem of Evil * Creation * The Word in Creation * The Life of Jesus * The Afterlife * Sin and Salvation   **Mid-Cycle Assessment:**  Students sit a 12 mark, exam style question.  **Assessment Week:**  Combination of 1/2/4/ 5 and 12 exam style questions, testing a variety of knowledge throughout the course. | **Topic:** Christian Practices  **Overview:**   * Christian Worship * Prayer * Sacraments * Pilgrimage * Festivals * The Church in the Local Community * The Place of Mission and Evangelicalism * Church Growth * The importance of the worldwide Church * Christian Persecution * The Church’s response to world poverty   **Mid-Cycle Assessment:**  Students sit a 12 mark, exam style question.  **Assessment Week:**  Combination of 1/2/4/ 5 and 12 exam style questions, testing a variety of knowledge throughout the course. | **Topic:** Buddhist Beliefs  **Overview:**   * The Life of the Buddha * The Four Sights * The Buddha’s Aesthetic Life * The Buddha’s Enlightenment * The Dhamma * Dependent Arising * The Three Marks of Existence * The Four Noble Truths * Theravada Buddhism * Mahayana Buddhism * The Arhat and Bodhisattva * Pure Land Buddhism   **Mid-Cycle Assessment:**  Students sit a 12 mark, exam style question.  **Assessment Week:**  Combination of 1/2/4/ 5 and 12 exam style questions, testing a variety of knowledge throughout the course. |

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| **Year 10 GCSE** | **Topic:** Buddhist Practices  **Overview:**   * Place of Worship * How do Buddhist worship * Meditation * Visualisations * Ceremonies * Afterlife * Wesak * Parinirvana Day * Ethics * Rules   **Mid-Cycle Assessment:**  Students sit a 12 mark, exam style question.  **Assessment Week:**  Combination of 1/2/4 and 5 exam style questions, testing a variety of knowledge throughout the course. | **Topic:** Religions REview  **Overview:**   * Christian Beliefs * Christian Practices * Buddhist Beliefs * Buddhist Practices   **Mid-Cycle Assessment:**  Students sit a 12 mark, exam style question.  **Assessment Week:**  Combination of 1/2/4 and 5 exam style questions, testing a variety of knowledge throughout the course (for both religions). | **Topic:** Theme B and D (GCSE)  **Overview:**   * Origins of the Universe * Origins of Human Life * Care for the Environment * Abuse of the Environment * Sanctity and Quality of Life * Use and abuse of animals * Abortion * Euthanasia * Afterlife * Religious Attitudes to War * Violent vs Peaceful Protest * Reasons for War * Nuclear Weapons * Just War Theory * Holy War * Religion as a Cause of War   **Mid-Cycle Assessment:**  Students sit a 12 mark, exam style question.  **Assessment Week:**  Combination of 1/2/4/ 5 and 12 mark exam style questions, testing a variety of knowledge throughout the course. |

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| **Year 11**  **GCSE** | **Topic:** Theme E and F  **Overview:**   * Causes of Crime * Aims of Punishment * Intentions * Religious Attitudes to Lawbreakers * Opposition to Unjust Laws * Attitudes to the treatment of criminals * The Death Penalty * Introduction to Social Justice and Human Rights * Racism and Positive Discrimination * Religious Freedom * Attitudes to Wealth * Charity * The Reality and Causes of Poverty * Exploitation of the Poor * Gender Discrimination * Homophobia   **Mid-Cycle Assessment:**  Students sit a 12 mark, exam style question.  **Assessment Week:**  Combination of 1/2/4 and 5 exam style questions, testing a variety of knowledge throughout the course. | **Topic:** Religions Revision  **Overview:**   * Christian Beliefs * Christian Practices * Buddhist Beliefs * Buddhist Practices   **Assessment Week:**  Mocks | **Topic:** Themes Revision  **Overview:**  Theme B / D / E and F  **Mid-Cycle Assessment:**  N/A  **Assessment Week:**  N/A |