**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

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|  | **Cycle 1** | **Cycle 2** | **Cycle 3** |
| **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

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|  | **Cycle 1** | **Cycle 2** | **Cycle 3** |
| **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 |