



Religious Studies Curriculum Overview

Primary: Key Concepts are in *Italics*

	Autumn 1 Sep-Oct	Autumn 2 Nov-Dec	Spring 1 Jan-Feb	Spring 2 Feb-Mar	Summer 1 Apr-May	Summer 2 Jun-Jul
Reception	God / Creation <i>Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?</i>	God / Creation / Incarnation <i>Caring for the world The Nativity Christmas and giving</i>	Creation / God's message <i>Churches Churches in the community. Different services help the environment. Everyone is special.</i>	Salvation How and why do Christians celebrate Easter? Lent Worship Churches that help people Christians believe that Jesus was sacrificed for sins.	Salvation Symbols of Salvation Easter and Easter's symbols. The symbol of the cross and its importance to Christians. Symbol of lights in churches.	'People of God' Holy Places Candles Cathedrals Church window images Music played in churches
Year 1	Creation Being grateful for our world <i>God's relationship with humans Harvest Gratitude</i>	Incarnation Jesus' purpose in coming to the world <i>What does the Christmas story tell us about who Jesus was and why he came to the world?</i>	God's message The Gospel message of friendship, forgiveness, and peace. <i>What is the good news that Jesus brings? Jesus choosing disciples inc. Matthew the tax collector, Luke 6:37-38 and John 14:27.</i>	Salvation The meaning of the events of Easter <i>Why does Easter matter to Christians? Easter services (Palm Sunday, good Friday, Easter Sunday).</i>	People of God Islam – How do Muslims live? <i>What do Muslims believe? Muslims worship one God Allah The Qur'an is their holy book Allah has 99 names Muhammad</i>	God What do Christians believe God is like? <i>The Parable of the Lost Son Prayer</i>
Year 2	Creation Who made the world? <i>What does the Creation account tell us about God's relationship with humans?</i>	Incarnation Why does Christmas matter to Christians? <i>Why does Christmas matter to Christians? (Dig Deeper) Why is Jesus special? Advent</i>	God's message The good news <i>Prayer God the Father Love and forgiveness Luke 11:9-13 and Luke 17:11-19</i>	Salvation Jesus' resurrection and the Christian view of salvation <i>Easter story (inc trial, Last Supper, cleansing of temple) Signs of Easter in Church Forgiveness</i>	God What do Christians believe God is like? (Dig deeper) <i>Jonah How Christians praise God Understanding God through art</i>	People of God Judaism – Jewish Traditions <i>Getting ready for Shabbat Shabbat The synagogue</i>
Year 3	Creation Stewardship <i>Caring for the world</i>	People of God What is it like to follow God? <i>Noah and Abraham –covenants Faith and obedience in the Christian life. Marriage</i>	Incarnation What is the Trinity? How can we understand God? <i>Baptism of Jesus, the Grace (2 Cor 13) Baptism Saying the Grace Understanding God using symbols, similes and metaphors, and in song, story, poems and art.</i>	Salvation How do the events surrounding Jesus' death fit into the 'big picture' of the Bible? <i>Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? Easter story from Mary's viewpoint. Holy Week.</i>	God's message Islam – The Qur'an and its impact <i>Opening the Qur'an Islam as a religion The Qur'an Muhammad's revelations.</i>	God's message: Following Jesus and Communities Today <i>Calling first disciples Jesus healing a Leper. Church activities and role of Church leaders.</i>

Year 4	Creation / Salvation The Fall and Redemption <i>Saying sorry</i>	Incarnation What is the Trinity? <i>John 1, Luke 1</i> <i>Views of God</i>	God's message The Gospel message - What kind of world did Jesus want? (Dig Deeper) <i>The good Samaritan</i> <i>The Pharisee and the Tax Collector</i> <i>Christian charities</i> <i>Loving your neighbour</i>	Salvation How do the events of Easter affect the way Christians behave towards others? <i>The last supper and Jesus washing the disciples' feet</i> <i>Communion in the Maundy Thursday service.</i>	Salvation Pentecost and The Kingdom of God <i>When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?</i> <i>Pentecost and Acts 1-2</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12 – one body, many parts</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i> <i>The Local Church</i>	People of God Judaism – What does it mean to be a Jewish person? <i>The artefacts within a Jewish home.</i> <i>Key vocabulary</i> <i>The Passover (Pesach)</i> <i>Judaism and the Bible</i> <i>Hanukkah</i>
	People of God How can following God bring freedom and justice? <i>Moses and Exodus</i> <i>Following commands</i>	Incarnation Was Jesus the Messiah? <i>Prophecies from OT about Jesus.</i> <i>Christmas story</i> <i>Secular v Christian Christmas.</i>	God's message The Gospel Message - What would Jesus do? <i>The Wise and Foolish Builders, Matthew 7:24–27</i> <i>The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5–7.</i> <i>A healing miracle: The Centurion's Servant, Luke 7:1–10.</i> <u>WWJD.</u>	Salvation What did Jesus do to save human beings? <i>What do Christians believe about the sacrifices made by Jesus?</i> <i>How does that affect the sacrifices people should make for each other?</i> <i>Easter story</i> <i>Communion through the year.</i>	People of God Islam – Daily Practice and Comparisons Across Religions <i>What does it mean to be a Muslim?</i> <i>The five pillars of Islam</i> <i>The origin of Islam</i> <i>The mosque</i> <i>The Qur'an</i> <i>How the Qur'an is different to the Bible</i> <i>Hajj</i>	God's message The Biblical texts about the Kingdom of God <i>Analysing religious texts and their impact</i> <i>What kind of king is Jesus?</i> <i>Parables</i> <i>Christian charities.</i>
Year 6	Creation Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?	People of God How are God's people distinctive? <i>Connections between biblical texts and the idea of God's covenant with his people, using theological terms.</i> <i>How Christians put their beliefs about living as the People of God into practice in different ways; for example, through the Five Marks of Mission, in community and individually.</i>	Incarnation Was Jesus the Messiah? (Dig Deeper) <i>Entry into Jerusalem</i> <i>Transfiguration.</i>	Salvation Resurrection <i>Explain connections between Isaiah 53 and John 19 using theological terms.</i>	People of God Judaism <i>Why continue being Jewish in the face of the Holocaust?</i> <i>To revise three key ideas within Judaism</i> <i>The holocaust – big questions</i> <i>Belief in God during persecution</i> <i>Jewish art and poetry</i>	God's message What does it mean if God is holy and loving? <i>Psalm 103, Isaiah 6:1–5 and 1 John 4:7–13, Proverbs 6, Jesus with the criminals on the cross.</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>Analysing religious texts and their impact</i>

Secondary: Key Concepts are threaded throughout the units

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Year 7	Understanding the Bible What is the Bible? Why do Christians trust it? How has it influenced us?	Understanding God What are the roles of the Trinity? How is God different to us? How does this influence Christians today?	Understanding what God does How did God create the world? What happened to the perfect creation God made? Who is most responsible? What are the consequences of sin? How does this impact Christians today? Compare creation stories from Judaism, Hinduism and Islam. Polytheistic narratives.	Understanding Jesus What promises did God make in the OT? Who is the serpent crusher (investigation)? Key characters- Joseph/ David/ Jesus Did God keep his promises?	Jewish Beliefs Why do Jews consider themselves people of God? What does it mean to be a covenant people? What do Jews believe about God-creator/ judge/ covenant maker?	Jewish practices How do the beliefs in Judaism impact the way that Jewish people live? What is Shabbat? What are the Mitzvot? What is pikuach nefesh? What is Pesach? How do Jewish beliefs influence the way that Jews treat marriage/ birth and death?

Year 8	Humans- made for a purpose? Revision of work from year 7 How was the creation of man different? What does Psalm 149 tell us about being human? What is Genetic engineering? What is it used for? How should a Christian approach the topic?	Humans - Made to be? How do we find purpose in life? What do non-religious believers think? How do Christians find purpose? What does the bible teach? Worshipping God/ stewardship/ loving our neighbour	People with a purpose What can we learn from the lives of God's people in the Bible? David (to change next year) Mary Jonah (Students to study two at teacher's discretion)	Jesus- a man with a purpose? Who was Jesus, God, or man? Why is this important? What did Jesus teach about himself? What does it say about his purpose? What did Jesus do? What does this reveal? How did Jesus' die? Why is this important for Christians today?	Islam beliefs What is Islam? How did it spread? What do Muslims believe about God (Tawhid)? How does Allah speak? Who was Muhammad? Why is he important for Muslims today?	Islam practices How do Muslims demonstrate their belief in Allah? Five pillars What are the five pillars? Why are they each important? How do they give purpose to the life of a Muslim? What do they teach Muslims? How do they reflect their beliefs?
Year 9	Making Moral choices What is morality? Exploring and evaluating: Situation Ethics Utilitarianism Virtue Ethics	What do the prominent religions of the world teach about right and wrong? Where do Christians get their law? Are the 10 commandments still relevant? What does the Qur'an teach about right and wrong?	The Bible and the downtrodden What does the Bible have to say about social injustice? Does God get angry? What is justice and how do we achieve it? How do Christians respond to this today? Attitudes to money and the poor; the responsibilities of believers.	Making sense of the Holocaust How did it happen? Why the Jews? Who is most at fault? What about forgiveness? Exploration into how world faith and worldviews would respond? What about Justice? What do world religions and worldviews teach about justice?	Religion, Crime and Punishment Why do people commit crimes? What do religious believers say about committing crime? Is it right to break an unfair law? Ghani/ Martin Luther King What are the aims of punishment? What do religious believers teach about punishment?	Religion, Crime and Punishment (cont) What are the different types of punishment? What are religious attitudes to these? What is corporal punishment? What are the various world views and religious beliefs on this? How should we treat criminals? What is the death penalty? What are the various arguments?
Year 10	GCSE Mark Theme G What is the Gospel and what was Mark's intent? Timeline of events- John the Baptist Jesus' Baptism Temptation Paralysed man Jairus' daughter Rejection at Nazareth Feeding of the 5000	Mark Theme G continued Caesarea Philippi Transfiguration Titles for Jesus Blind Bartimaeus Triumphal entry Last supper Gethsemane Jesus trials Crucifixion Resurrection	Religion and Life Origins of the universe Evolution Compatibility of science and creation Value of the world Environmental damage Global warning/ use and abuse of natural resources Caring for the world Animal experimentation Use of animals for food	Religion and life (continued) Value of human life Abortion Euthanasia Hospice care	Mark Theme H Kingdom of God -Parables -People in the Kingdom -Greatest commandment Discipleship -Call of the disciples -Cost and rewards of discipleship -Great commission (ascension)	Mark Theme H (continued) People Jesus met -Man with leprosy -Greek woman -Demon possessed boy -Woman at the treasury -Anointing at Bethany -Woman with hemorrhage -Levi
Year 11	Christian Beliefs Qualities of God Trinity Problem of Evil and suffering Creation Afterlife Incarnation Resurrection Salvation	Christian Practices Worship Sacraments Baptism Eucharist Pilgrimage Easter/Christmas Roles and functions of the church	Islam beliefs Six articles Five Roots Nature of Allah Prophets Prophet Muhammad The Qur'an Holy books Angels Afterlife Day of Judgement	Islam Practices Five Pillars Shahada Salah Sawm Zakat Hajj Festivals Jihad	Revision	