



Year 8 Religious Education Curriculum Map

Overview	In Year 8 the emphasis is on both depth and breadth, as we look to understand more of the roots of cyclical religions. A study of Christianity in Year 8 investigates both religious texts and practices, giving students opportunities to explore Christianity in the action. The breadth of RE is evident in our unit where students reflect on spirituality through the arts and the ancient world.					
Year 8	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Understanding Buddhism	What is the significance of Islam today?	Spirituality through the arts and in the ancient world	Lent to Pentecost	Exploring aspects of Hinduism	What do we do when life gets hard?
Knowledge	Siddhattha Gotama Three marks of existence Four noble truths The eightfold path Mandalas Impermanence Enlightenment Reincarnation Monks and meditation How do their beliefs impact the life of a Buddhist?	The origins of Islam The Five Pillars The Qur'an Hajj Islamic dress The afterlife in Islam	Spirituality- what is it and examples Creative responses to the natural world Images of Jesus Music and spirituality Spirituality in ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt	Jesus of Nazareth Palm Sunday Shrove Tuesday Good Friday The resurrection Pentecost	Key Hindu beliefs and practices Reincarnation The four aims in life for Hindus Hinduism and nature How do their beliefs impact the life of a Hindu?	Evil and suffering Job Proverbs St Paul Biblical wisdom
Skills	Skill 1: knowledge and explanation of key Buddhist beliefs and teachings Skill 2: articulating influence and impact of Buddhist beliefs Skill 3: evaluation of Buddhism and its relevance today	Skill 1: knowledge and explanation of key Muslim beliefs Skill 2: articulating influence and impact of beliefs on Muslims today Skill 3: evaluating what it's like for a young Muslim living in Britain today	Skill 1: knowledge and explanation of spirituality Skill 2: articulating influence and impact of spirituality in our own lives Skill 3: evaluating spirituality	Skill 1: knowledge and explanation of the key events from Lent to Pentecost Skill 2: articulating influence and impact of the Easter story today Skill 3: evaluating who people believe Jesus is/ was	Skill 1: knowledge and explanation of key Buddhist beliefs and teachings Skill 2: articulating influence and impact of Buddhist beliefs Skill 3: evaluation of Buddhism and its relevance today	Skill 1: knowledge and explanation of good, evil and suffering Skill 2: articulating influence and impact of Christian beliefs, linked to suffering Skill 3: evaluating how religious and non-religious people deal with suffering in contemporary society