

Subject: Religious Studies (AQA Syllabus A)



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Year 11

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| Overview | <p>Students study 2 units from Component 1: The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices in Christianity and Islam.</p> <p>Students also study 1 ½ units from Component 2: Thematic Studies. Then students begin extensive revision of all topics.</p> |
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| Autumn Term | <p>Religion and life (Continued from Yr10)</p> <p><i>The origins and value of the universe</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The origins of the universe, including religious teachings, different interpretations of these; the relationship between scientific views, such as the Big Bang theory, and religious views. ■ The value of the world and the duty of human beings to protect it, including religious teaching about stewardship, dominion, responsibility, awe and wonder. ■ The use and abuse of the environment, including the use of natural resources, pollution. ■ The use and abuse of animals, including animal experimentation; use of animals for food. <p>Christian Beliefs and teachings</p> <p><i>Key beliefs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The nature of God: God as omnipotent, loving and just, and the problem of evil and suffering; the oneness of God and the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. ■ Different Christian beliefs about creation including the role of Word and Spirit. ■ Different Christian beliefs about the afterlife and their importance, including resurrection and life after death; judgement, heaven and hell. <p><i>Jesus Christ and salvation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Beliefs and teachings about: the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God; the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension; sin, including original sin; the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit; the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement. | Assessment |
| | <p>Teams Quiz's testing factual knowledge.</p> <p>Seneca tests on each topic area.</p> <p>In lesson tasks comprising exam questions.</p> <p>End of unit tests made up of full past papers on those topic areas.</p> | |

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| Spring Term | <p>Relationships and families</p> <p><i>Sex, marriage and divorce</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Human sexuality including heterosexual and homosexual relationships. ■ Sexual relationships before and outside of marriage. ■ Contraception and family planning. ■ The nature and purpose of marriage including same-sex marriage and cohabitation. ■ Divorce, including reasons for divorce, and remarriage. ■ Ethical arguments related to divorce, including the sanctity of marriage vows and compassion. <p><i>Families and gender equality</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The nature of families, including the role of parents/ children; extended and nuclear families. | Assessment |
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| Spring Term | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The purpose of families, including procreation; stability, educating and protection of children. ■ Contemporary family issues including same-sex parents; polygamy. ■ The roles of men and women and Gender equality. ■ Gender prejudice and discrimination, including examples. <p>Islam Practices</p> <p>Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Five Pillars of Sunni Islam and the Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam ■ Shahadah: declaration of faith and its place in Muslim practice. ■ Salah and its significance: including times, directions, ablution (wudu), movements (rak'ahs); key differences in the practice of salah in Sunni and Shi'a Islam, and different Muslim views. <p>Duties and festivals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sawm: the role and significance of fasting during the month of Ramadan including origins, duties, benefits of fasting, the exceptions and their reasons, and the Night of Power. ■ Zakah: the role, origin and significance of alms, and benefits of receipt, Khums in Shi'a Islam. ■ Hajj: Its role and significance, including at Makkah, Mina, Arafat, and Muzdalifah. ■ Jihad: different understandings of greater and lesser jihad; origins. ■ Festivals and commemorations, importance and meanings of Id-ul-Adha, Id-ul-Fitr, Ashura. | |
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| Summer Term | Revision of Year 10 material then exam practice and revision techniques. | Assessment |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Teams Quiz's. ■ Seneca tests on each topic area. ■ In lesson tasks. ■ Regular practice papers. ■ End of year test made up of full past papers on those topic areas. |

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| Useful Resources for Supporting Your Child at Home: | Homework: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GCSE RS Revision Guide (Hodder) ■ Teams Revision material powerpoints and cheatsheets ■ Seneca revision material ■ Acorn Academy lessons and test material | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Seneca tests weekly ■ Teams tests at conclusion of each topic ■ Exam style questions each cycle |