



Curriculum Overview

Curriculum Area: Religious Studies

Year: 10

Curriculum covered

Autumn Term: Paper 1

Beliefs & Teachings (Christianity): The Nature of God, The Trinity, Biblical Creation, The Problem of Evil, Jesus Christ, The Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension, Salvation, Life After Death Resurrection, Judgement, Heaven and Hell.

Beliefs & Teachings (Islam): Tawhid – Oneness of God, Key Beliefs, Sunni and Shi'a Islam, The Nature of Allah, Angels, Predestination, Life After Death, Prophethood, The Imamate, Holy Books.

Spring Term: Paper 2

Theme E – Crime and Punishment

Reasons for Crime, Aims of Punishment, Community Service, Prison, Corporal Punishment, Christian attitudes to Punishment, Capital Punishment and The Importance of Forgiveness.

Theme B: Religion & Life

The Origins of the Universe, The Value of the world, the use and abuse of the Environment, Abortion, Euthanasia, Animal Experimentation, Death and Afterlife.

Summer Term: Paper 2

Theme C: The Existence of God:

God's Characteristics, Cosmological Argument, Design/Teleological Argument, Miracles, Atheism and Humanism.

Internal Assessment

Exam style questions and past paper questions on the relevant topic.

Year 10 Mock exams

Paper One

- Christian Beliefs and Teachings
- Islamic Beliefs and Teachings

Paper Two

- Crime and Punishment
- Religion and Life
- The Existence of God

Exam Board/Exam Paper Requirements/% Weighting

Key dates (mocks and final exams)

Religious Studies AQA. Pupils will complete 3 exams at the end of Year 11.

Paper 1 is split into 2 separate exams (total time hour and 45 minutes) and worth 50%.

Paper 2 is 1 hour 45 minutes and worth 50%.

Paper One: Christianity Beliefs, Teachings & Practices (worth 25% of overall grade)

- Islam: Beliefs, Teachings & Practices (worth 25% of overall grade)

Paper Two

- Thematic Studies – This covers four ethical topics – Religion and Life, The Existence of God and Revelations, Crime and Punishment, Religion, Peace and Conflict (each topic is worth 12.5% with overall weighting of paper being 50% of grade)

Helpful resources/revision guides/websites/exam preparation

- Zig Zag revision guides – Given to students
- [GCSE Religious Studies - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)
- Revision classes – after school.
- [Specification for first teaching in 2016: Specification](#)
- Audio Recordings – On Teams in class materials
- Hodder Education – My Revision Notes
- Hodder Education – My Workbook
- CGP – GCSE AQA A Religious Studies The Revision Guide