



Curriculum Overview

Curriculum Area: Religious Studies

Year: 11

Curriculum covered

Autumn Term 1: Christianity (J625/01) Paper 1

UNIT: Beliefs, teachings and practices to include: Worship, Sacraments, Prayer, The role and importance of pilgrimage and celebrations to Christians, The role of the church in the local community and living practices, Mission, The role of the Church in the wider world.

Autumn Term 2: Religion and Ethics in the Modern World Paper 2

UNIT: Dialogue between religious and non religious beliefs and attitudes to include: Christianity in Britain, Religion in public life, Secularisation, Clashes between religion, tradition and secular law, Christian attitudes towards each other and other groups, Interfaith dialogue, Christianity and non religious world views, Potential areas of disagreement and differences between Christianity, atheism, agnosticism, humanism and secularism.

Spring Term 1: Islam (J625/01) Paper 1

Islam Beliefs and Teachings to include: Core beliefs, Tawhid, Belief in Imams, Belief in Divine Justice, Belief in Prophethood, The role and importance of Prophets, Muhammad, Books – Kutub, Angles, Eschatological beliefs, Life after death – Akhirah.

Spring Term 2: Islam (J625/01) Paper 1

Islamic Practices to include: Public acts of worship, Salah, private acts of worship, Zakah, Sawm, Hajj, Id-UI-Adha, Id-UI-Fitr, Id-UI-Ghadeer, Ashura, Jihad.

Internal Assessment

Mid and end of unit exams:

- Christianity - Practices.
- Religious and non religious beliefs and attitudes
- Islam

Year 11 Mock exams – November 2024

- Full Paper 2
- Partial Paper

Year 11 Mock – February 2025

- Full Paper 1
- Full Paper 2

Exam Board/Exam Paper Requirements/% Weighting

Key dates (mocks and final exams)

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

Paper 1 is split into 2 separate exams 2x1 hour and worth 50%.

Paper 2 is 2 hours and worth 50%.

Paper 1: Pupils study the beliefs, teachings, and practices of two of the following major world religions: Christianity and Islam. Exams focus on:

Christianity – Beliefs, Teachings and Practices (worth 25% of final marks)

Islam – Beliefs, Teachings and Practices (worth 25% of final marks)

Paper 2: Pupils study different philosophical and ethical arguments and their impact and influence in the modern world from the perspective of Christianity (worth 50% and is 2 hours). There are four themes of study:

Relationships and families, The existence of God/gods/ultimate reality, Religion, peace and conflict, Dialogue within and between religions and non-religious beliefs.

Helpful resources/revision guides/websites/exam preparation

<http://www.rsrevision.com/contents/index.htm>

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/240547-specification-accredited-gcse-religious-studies-j625.pdf>

Revision guides and booklets: Hodder OCR.

Revision classes – after school.

Revision days

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhwy7nb>