

# Religious Studies @RST - Key Stage 3 Programme of Study



Christianity Islam Hinduism Judaism Multiple faiths	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6
# school weeks (approx.)	7 weeks	7 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks
<b>Year 7</b> (* 1 additional lesson per fortnight provided to all students to ensure successful delivery of AoY)	Y7 Bridging Unit <b>Religions of focus: Christianity &amp; 6 other major world faiths/views</b> Theism, Atheism and Agnosticism Nature of God: Omni words What are the 6 major world religions? <b>Does God exist?</b> Direct and indirect proof Arguments for and against the existence of God Science and religion The Design Argument	<b>What does it mean to be a person of faith in Christianity?</b> The nature of God Similes and metaphors to describe God Expressions of faith Jesus as the Son of God The Holy Spirit <b>Archbishop of York lessons*</b> Module 1 Faith: Sessions 1-4	<b>What happens when faith and courage collide?</b> What does it mean to be a hero? What can faith and courage lead to? Heroes of faith: Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa, Corrie Ten Boom, Bethany Hamilton, John Sentamu Is Jesus a hero? <b>Archbishop of York lessons*</b> Module 1 Faith: Sessions 5-10	<b>Archbishop of York lessons*</b> <b>Module 2 Hope: Sessions 1-10</b> <b>Is it fair?</b> Assessing value and worth What do we value the most? How should we treat others? The Golden Rule How did Jesus treat others? How should Christians treat others?	<b>Did Jesus really rise from the dead?</b> Messiah Reasons people believed Jesus was the Messiah How do the events in Holy Week point to Jesus as the Messiah? Events of Holy Week Why did Jesus have to die? Did Jesus rise from the dead? <b>Archbishop of York lessons*:</b> Module 3 Action : Actions (1 in 4 R.E. lessons is spent on the AoY award)	<b>What does it mean to be a person of faith in Islam?</b> The nature of God (Tawhid) Mohammad and the beginnings of Islam The Five Pillars of Islam (Shahadah, Salah, Zakah, Sawm and Hajj) Islam in the western world
	Assessment	End of unit test 1	End of unit test 2	End of unit test 3	Archbishop of York projects	End of unit test 5

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Year 8	<p><b>How does society and the media portray the religion of Islam?</b></p> <p>Stereotypes and prejudice</p> <p>How is Islam portrayed in the news?</p> <p>How is Islam portrayed on the TV and in film?</p> <p>What is terrorism?</p> <p>How has the Muslim faith responded to stereotypes?</p>	<p><b>What does it mean to be a person of faith in Hinduism?</b></p> <p>Beliefs about the nature of God</p> <p>The Trimurti and other deities</p> <p>Karma and reincarnation</p> <p>Worship (puja)</p> <p>Worship at home and in the Mandir</p> <p>Important festivals</p> <p>The Hindu caste system</p>	<p><b>Do sacred texts enable individuals and groups to respond in times of crisis?</b></p> <p>Making moral decisions</p> <p>Who do we go to for guidance in times of crisis?</p> <p>The Bible in times of crisis</p> <p>How does the Bible influence our actions?</p> <p>Is the Bible still relevant in responding to crisis today?</p> <p>Can religion help respond to crisis?</p>	<p><b>Is death the end?</b></p> <p>What is the afterlife?</p> <p>What do we mean by heaven and hell?</p> <p>Christian beliefs on the afterlife, resurrection and salvation</p> <p>Muslim beliefs on the afterlife and Muslim funerals</p> <p>Hindu teachings on the afterlife</p> <p>Humanist views on the afterlife</p> <p>How should we remember the dead? El dia de los muertos</p>	<p><b>Is faith hidden?</b></p> <p>What aspects of faith are visible?</p> <p>What aspects of faith are hidden?</p> <p>Is faith always visible?</p> <p>What can we do when faith has to be hidden?</p> <p>Persecuted Christians</p> <p>Open Doors charity</p> <p>Should we hide faith today?</p>	<p><b>End of year project – research an influential person of faith</b></p>
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Year 9	<p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Can conflict ever be justified?</b></p> <p>Causes of conflict How to avoid conflict Responses to conflict from a Christian and Muslim perspective Pacifism (Dietrich Bonhoeffer) Justice and resolving conflict Peace and reconciliation Christian charities working for peace Forgiveness</p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Can conflict ever be justified?</b></p> <p>Is conflict ever justified? The Just War Theory Holy War and Lesser Jihad in Islam Why are religions against terrorism? Weapons of mass destruction</p>	<p style="background-color: blue; color: white;"><b>Should we commemorate the Holocaust?</b></p> <p>Core beliefs and practices of the Jewish faith Diversity within the Jewish community Jewish beliefs about G-d and how this influences behaviour Jews and their relationship with G-d Jewish life before the war What was the Holocaust? Kristallnacht How visible was faith for Jews in the ghettos in World War Two?</p>	<p style="background-color: blue; color: white;"><b>Should we commemorate the Holocaust?</b></p> <p>How was daily life and practice influenced by the Holocaust? (Shabbat, Pesach, Bar Mitzvah, Chanukah) What happened after the Holocaust? What did liberation look like? How did the Holocaust affect those who survived? (The Problem of Evil) How do we commemorate the Holocaust? How should we commemorate the Holocaust?</p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>What does it mean to be a good steward in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?</b></p> <p>Attitudes to the environment and the value of the world Christians views on creation What are the issues affecting the environment? Use and abuse of animals How do Christians respond to environmental issues?</p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>What does it mean to be a good steward in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?</b></p> <p>Environmental issues and possible solutions Stewardship and dominion How do Christians actively promote stewardship? How do faith communities respond to global issues? The ethical treatment of animals</p>
Assessment	Interim test	End of unit 1 assessment	Interim test	End of unit 2 assessment	Interim test	End of unit 3 assessment

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