

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES CURRICULUM



- Study Religious Studies at Sixth Form College and University
- Hospitality – cultural requirements and food restrictions
- Social work and hospitality care – understanding of religious and cultural needs
- Politics and law – build arguments, question and evaluate narratives, decision making
- Medical research – ethical decisions and philosophical thought

## YEAR 11

**REVISION**  
Exam technique  
Past paper practice

**JEWISH PRACTICES**  
Ceremonies associated with birth  
Bar & Bat Mitzvah, Marriage,  
Mourning the dead  
Dietary laws  
Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

**JEWISH PRACTICES**  
The importance of the synagogue  
Interior features of a synagogue  
Worship in Orthodox & Reform  
synagogues  
Daily services & prayer,  
Shabbat in the synagogue  
Shabbat in the home  
Worship in the home; the written  
and oral law

**JEWISH BELIEFS & TEACHINGS**  
The Promised Land & the  
covenant with Abraham  
The covenant at Sinai & the Ten  
Commandments  
Key moral principles in Judaism  
Sanctity of life  
Free will & mitzvot

**JEWISH BELIEFS & TEACHINGS**  
The nature of God -monotheism  
The nature of God - creator  
The nature of God -  
lawgiver, judge, Shekinah  
Life after death - death &  
resurrection  
The nature and role of the  
Messiah

**IS RELIGION CHANGING? –  
Alternative Religious views**  
Cults and extremism  
The illuminati – religious  
movement or conspiracy?  
Jehovah's Witnesses  
Scientology  
Rastafarianism  
Rastafarianism  
Paganism

**EXISTENCE OF GOD**  
To discuss reasons for and against  
the existence of God including:  
Faith and belief  
Natural disasters  
Design and argument  
Humanism  
Atheism

## YEAR 10

**CHRISTIANITY BELIEFS AND  
TEACHING**  
The nature of God  
God as omnipotent, loving and  
just  
The Oneness of God and the  
Trinity  
Different Christian beliefs about  
creation  
The crucifixion

**CHRISTIANITY BELIEFS  
AND TEACHING**  
The resurrection and ascension  
Resurrection and life after death  
The afterlife and judgement  
Heaven and Hell  
Sin and Salvation

**CHRISTIANITY: PRACTICES**  
Worship  
Prayer  
Baptism  
Holy Communion  
Celebrating Communion  
Pilgrimage  
Celebrating festivals

**CHRISTIANITY: PRACTICES**  
The role of the Church in the local  
community  
The place of mission and  
evangelism  
Church Growth  
The importance of the worldwide  
Church  
Christian persecution  
The Church's response to world  
poverty

**JEWISH BELIEFS AND TEACHINGS**  
Introduction to Judaism  
The covenants  
The nature of God -monotheism  
The nature of God - creator  
The nature of God - lawgiver, judge,  
Shekinah

**MORAL ISSUES**  
Forgiveness  
Racism  
Christian attitudes to racism  
Discrimination  
Sexual relations  
Homosexuality

**CONFLICT AND RELIGION**  
Violence  
Terrorism  
Pacifism  
Famous pacifists- Mahatma  
Gandhi

**HINDUISM**  
Key beliefs in Hinduism  
Hindu deities  
Hindu Creation  
Worship  
Parables in Hinduism  
Hinduism in the UK

**RELIGION AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT**  
Religious attitudes to the  
environment  
Are all animals equal?  
Who is responsible for the Earth?

**ISLAM**  
Islam  
Ummah  
Jihad  
Tawheed  
Shirk

**RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS**  
Festivals:  
Diwali  
Dia de los Muertos  
Ramadan

**RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES**  
Weddings  
Funerals  
Naming ceremonies

**ISLAM**  
Islam  
Ummah  
Jihad  
Tawheed  
Shirk

**ETHICAL DILEMMAS AND  
RELIGION**  
Is it right to ever experiment on  
animals  
Is it OK to have a child to save  
another?  
When is it right to go to war?  
Should assisted suicide be  
legalised?  
What are the rights and wrongs of  
abortion?  
The death penalty

**BUDDHISM**  
Key beliefs in Buddhism  
Karma  
Worship  
Buddhist Monks

**RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS**  
The Gurdwara  
The Vihara  
The Church  
The Mandir  
The Mosque  
The Synagogue

CORE

## YEAR 9

**THEME A: RELIGION, RELATIONSHIPS & FAMILIES**  
Human sexuality: heterosexual and homosexual  
relationships  
Sexual relationships before and outside of marriage.  
Contraception and family planning.  
The nature and purpose of marriage.  
Same-sex marriage and cohabitation.  
Divorce, including reasons for divorce, and remarriage.  
Ethical arguments related to divorce, including those  
based on the sanctity of marriage vows and compassion.  
The nature of families including: the role of parents and  
children, extended families and the nuclear family.  
The purpose of families, including: procreation, stability  
and the protection of children, educating children in a  
faith.  
Contemporary family issues including: same-sex parents  
and polygamy.  
The roles of men and women: gender equality, gender  
prejudice and discrimination including examples.

**THEME E: RELIGION, CRIME &  
PUNISHMENT**  
Crime & Punishment for crime  
Christian attitudes to lawbreakers  
and different types of crime  
Three aims of punishment  
Christian attitudes to suffering  
and causing suffering to others  
Christian attitudes to the  
treatment of criminals  
Christian attitudes to forgiveness  
Christian attitudes to the death  
penalty

**THEME D: RELIGION, PEACE &  
CONFLICT**  
Introduction to religion, peace &  
conflict  
Violent protest & terrorism  
Reasons for war  
Nuclear war & WMD

**THEME B: RELIGION & LIFE**  
The origins of human life  
Abortion, Euthanasia  
Death & the Afterlife

**THEME B: RELIGION & LIFE**  
The origins of the universe  
The value of the world  
The use and abuse of the  
environment  
Pollution  
The use and abuse of animals

GCSE

**CHRISTIANITY B**  
Salvation/Sacrifice  
Maximilian Kolbe  
Teachings  
Salvation through art  
Salvation & Suffering

## YEAR 8

**JUDAISM**  
Interpretation  
Torah  
Remembrance  
Pesach

**JUDAISM**  
Shabbat  
Covenant  
Abraham & Moses

**THEMES**  
What is morality?  
Animal rights  
Religious views on animal rights  
Group work and peer assessment  
Oracy development

**THEMES**  
What makes a person good?  
Animal rights vs human rights  
Problem and causes of crime  
Capital punishment  
Muslim Law  
Religious and non-religious views  
on suffering

**CHRISTIANITY B**  
Incarnation  
The Announcement  
Teachings  
Trinity

**CHRISTIANITY A**  
The Nature of God  
God in Art  
Hunger Cloth  
Creator  
Commands for Living

**CHRISTIANITY A**  
Agape  
Miracles  
Parable  
In the community

**SIKHISM**  
The Guru Granth Sahib  
The Langar  
Worship  
The Gurdwara

**SIKHISM**  
What does it mean to be a Sikhi?  
Nirguna  
Belief in God  
The Gurus

**FESTIVALS**  
Diwali  
What is Special?  
Hannukah  
Identify similarities and  
differences in all the festivals  
studied

**FESTIVALS**  
Community  
Ramadan and Eid Ul Fitr  
Belonging

## YEAR 7