



Year 7 (1 lesson every 2 weeks)

Autumn Term

Christianity

- Introduction to Christianity - beliefs
- The life of Jesus - who he was and why he was important
- The Trinity
- The Nativity - incarnation of Jesus
- Places of worship
- The Ten Commandments
- Stories from the Bible/miracles

Judaism

- Beliefs and practices
- Places of worship and sources of wisdom in Judaism

Spring Term

Buddhism

- Introduction to Buddhism
- Beliefs and Philosophy
- Buddhist prayer flags, mandalas, mudras and meditation

Hinduism

- Beliefs and practices
- Places of worship - Hindu temples and worship

Summer Term

Islam

- Introduction to Islam
- The life of the prophet Muhammad (PBUH)
- The Five Pillars of Islam

Secular Worldviews

- Introduction to Humanism
- Beliefs and Philosophy
- Darwinism
- Evolution
- The One Life
- Atheism and Agnostics



Year 8 (1 lesson per week)

Autumn Term

The Life of Moses

- His birth and early life
- The Enslavement of the Jews
- Moses's life as an adult
- The Ten Plagues of Egypt
- The Exodus
- The Ten Commandments

Inspirational People

- Introduction to the concept of Inspiration
- Mother Teresa
- Gandhi
- Malala
- Muhammad Ali
- Anne Frank
- Martin Luther King

Spring Term

Philosophy and Ethics

- Key beliefs about God
- The Design Argument
- The Cosmological Argument
- The Big Bang Theory
- St Augustine and the concept of free will

Holy Week, Easter

- Palm Sunday
- Shrove Tuesday
- Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Easter Sunday

Summer Term

The Island, Moral and Ethical Challenges

- Relative and Absolute Morality
- Code of Law
- Leadership
- Rites of Passage
- Holy Books
- Prayer
- Punishment and Judgement
- Life after Death



Year 9 (1 lesson per week)

Autumn Term

Jewish History

- History of the Jews
- Anti-Semitism
- The Holocaust
- Orthodox and Reform Jews

Pilgrimage

- Introduction to Pilgrimage
- Mecca
- Varanasi
- Lourdes
- Jerusalem
- Bodh Gaya

Spring Term

Religion and Conflict

- Interfaith Dialogue
- Peace
- Pacifism
- War
- Forgiveness
- Terrorism

Outside the Big Six: Alternate Religions

- Introduction to the Big Six
- Paganism
- Rastafarianism
- Mormonism
- Bahai

Summer Term

Contemporary Issues in Modern Society

- Origins and value of the universe
- Use and abuse of the environment
- Pollution
- Use and abuse of animals
- Evolution
- Abortion
- Euthanasia