Religious Studies KS3
Learning Journey

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YEAR 7

The Island

Core Learning Aim:
To explore the journey of being stranded, adapting to a new life, forming communities, and understanding what makes a community.

Questions of Life

Core Learning Aim:
To explore questions about life, including the ultimate questions, the existence of God, the problem of evil and suffering, and beliefs about heaven and hell.

What is religion?

Core Learning Aim:
To understand what religion is by exploring Abraham's covenant with God, the Exodus, and the teachings of Leviticus.

What is a miracle?

Core Learning Aim:
To understand what a miracle is by exploring the life of Jesus, his parables, miracles, and key teachings.

Sikhism

Core Learning Aim:
To understand Sikhism by exploring its origins, the life and teachings of Guru Nanak, and the significance of the Five Ks.

Christianity

Core Learning Aim:
To understand Christian beliefs about creation by exploring the Creation Story, stewardship, and the relationship between science and religion.

YEAR 8

Human Rights Activist

Core Learning Aim:
To understand the injustice and the importance of human rights by exploring religious teachings about injustice and the work of human rights activists such as Malala Yousafzai and Stephen Lawrence.

Hindu Dharma

Core Learning Aim:
To understand prejudice by exploring the lives and actions of inspirational people such as Oscar Romero, Mother Teresa and Martin Luther.

Dharmic Faiths

Core Learning Aim:
To understand the Dharmic faiths by exploring the origins of Dharmic traditions, beliefs about cyclical time, and the development of Dharmic traditions in the UK.

Judaism

Core Learning Aim:
Why is covenant important in Jewish Life?

YEAR 9

Buddhism

Core Learning Aim:
To understand Buddhism by exploring the life of Siddhartha Gautama and the Buddha, the Eightfold Path, the Three Jewels, Karma, Metta, Karuna, and the diversity of Buddhist beliefs and practices.

Life and Death

Core Learning Aim:
To explore different approaches to right and wrong and apply them to contemporary ethical issues.

Equality

Core Learning Aim:
To explore the importance of equality and religious responses to issues of race, gender, LGBTQ+ identities and disability.

The Existence of God

Core Learning Aim:
To explore arguments for and against the existence of God, including design, cosmological, miracle and revelation arguments.

Fundamental British Values Links:
YR 7 - Mutual respect and tolerance. Respectful Debate, Philosophical Ideas.
YR 8 - Respect for Different Opinions, Mutual Respect, Tolerance, Respectful Debate, Philosophical Ideas.
YR 9 - Mutual respect, Tolerance, Diverse Perspectives, Community, Diversity.

SMSC Links:
YR 7 - Moral Issues, Understanding the core values of Islam, Philosophical questions and their impact on understanding the world.
YR 8 - Core Values of Islam, Personal and Community life,
YR 9 - Empathy, Fairness, Respect, Tolerance, Inclusion,

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YEAR 10

Christian Beliefs

Core Learning Aim:
To understand key Christian beliefs about the nature of God, creation, Jesus, salvation, judgement and life after death.



Christian Practices

Core Learning Aim:
To understand key Christian practices, including worship, prayer, sacraments, pilgrimage, festivals, mission, reconciliation, persecution and the Church's response to poverty.



Islam Beliefs

Core Learning Aim:
To understand key Islamic beliefs, including the oneness and nature of God, Muhammad, prophethood, the Qur'an, angels, presentation, life after death, and Sunni and Shia beliefs.



Islam Practices

Core Learning Aim:
To understand key practices, including the Five Pillars, Jihad, the Ten Obligatory Acts, and the festivals of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha.



YEAR 11

Theme A Relationships and Families

Core Learning Aim:
To explore religious and non-religious beliefs about human sexuality, marriage, family structures, and gender equality, evaluating how these concepts shape moral duties and modern society.



Theme B Religion and Life

Core Learning Aim:
To enable students to study religious teachings, and religious, philosophical, and ethical arguments, relating to the origins and value of life, and to evaluate their impact on the modern world.



Theme D War and Conflict

Core Learning Aim:
To critically evaluate religious, philosophical, and ethical arguments regarding violence, war, pacifism, and peace-making in the modern world.



Theme E Crime and Punishment

Core Learning Aim:
To examine and evaluate religious, philosophical, and ethical arguments concerning crime, law, justice, and the treatment of offenders in the modern world.

