Religious Studies (AQA Syllabus A)



Year 11

Students study 2 units from Component 1: The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices in Christianity and Islam. Students also study 1 ½ units from Component 2: Thematic Studies. Then students begin extensive revision of all topics.

	Religion and life (Continued from Yr10)	Assessment
	The origins and value of the universe	
	The origins of the universe, including religious teachings, different	Teams Quiz's testing factual knowledge.
	interpretations of these; the relationship between scientific views,	knowledge.
	such as the Big Bang theory, and religious views.	Seneca tests on each topic
	The value of the world and the duty of human beings to protect it, including religious teaching about stewardship, dominion,	area.
	responsibility, awe and wonder.	
	The use and abuse of the environment, including the use of natural	In lesson tasks comprising
	resources, pollution.	exam questions.
	The use and abuse of animals, including animal experimentation; use	End of unit tests made up of
F	of animals for food.	full past papers on those
[err	Christian Beliefs and teachings	topic areas.
L n	Key beliefs	
Autumn Term	The nature of God: God as omnipotent, loving and just, and the	
	problem of evil and suffering; the oneness of God and the Trinity:	
	Father, Son and Holy Spirit.	
	Different Christian beliefs about creation including the role of Word and Spirit	
	and Spirit.Different Christian beliefs about the afterlife and their importance,	
	including resurrection and life after death; judgement, heaven and	
	hell.	
	Jesus Christ and salvation	
	 Beliefs and teachings about: the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God; the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension; sin, including 	
	original sin; the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit;	
	the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement.	

	Relationships and families	Assessment
_	 Sex, marriage and divorce Human sexuality including heterosexual and homosexua relationships. 	al Teams Quiz's testing factual knowledge.
Spring Terr	 Sexual relationships before and outside of marriage. Contraception and family planning. The nature and purpose of marriage including same-sex cohabitation. Divorce, including reasons for divorce, and remarrying. Ethical arguments related to divorce, including the sanct marriage vows and compassion. 	In lesson tasks comprising

	Families and gender equality	End of unit tests made up of
	The nature of families, including the role of parents/ children;	full past papers on those
	extended and nuclear families.	topic areas.
	The purpose of families, including procreation; stability, educating	
	and protection of children.	
	Contemporary family issues including same-sex parents; polygamy.	
	The roles of men and women and Gender equality.	
	 Gender prejudice and discrimination, including examples. 	
	Islam Practices	
	Worship	
	Five Pillars of Sunni Islam and the Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam	
Ľ	Shahadah: declaration of faith and its place in Muslim practice.	
е Н	Salah and its significance: including times, directions, ablution	
<u>20</u>	(wudu), movements (rak'ahs); key differences in the practice of salah	
Spring Term	in Sunni and Shi'a Islam, and different Muslim views.	
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	Duties and festivals	
	Sawm: the role and significance of fasting during the month of	
	Ramadan including origins, duties, benefits of fasting, the exceptions	
	and their reasons, and the Night of Power.	
	Zakah: the role, origin and significance of alms, and benefits of	
	receipt, Khums in Shi'a Islam.	
	 Hajj: Its role and significance, including at Makkah, Mina, Arafat, and 	
	Muzdalifah.	
	 Jihad: different understandings of greater and lesser jihad; origins. 	
	 Festivals and commemorations, importance and meanings of Id-ul- 	
	Adha, Id-ul-Fitr, Ashura.	
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	Revision of Year 10 material then exam practice and revision techniques.	Assessment
Summer Term		Teams Quiz's. Seneca tests on each topic area. In lesson tasks. Regular practice papers. End of year test made up of full past papers on those topic areas.

Useful Resources for Supporting Your Child at Home:	Homework:		
 GCSE RS Revision Guide (Hodder) Teams Revision material powerpoints and cheatsheets Seneca revision material Acorn Academy lessons and test material 	 Seneca tests weekly Teams tests at conclusion of each topic Exam style questions each cycle 		