

This term, we are studying...

Year	Topic(s)	Why this? Why now?
Year 7	BQ: What are different religious beliefs about the afterlife?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils are reflecting and building upon KS2 knowledge</li> <li>• This topic helps to build a foundational knowledge of key religious teachings of life after death (which links into GCSE topics within Christianity/Islamic Beliefs and Teachings)</li> <li>• It also allows pupils to apply these teachings to the life of a religious believer – how would a belief in the afterlife affect how a person lives now?</li> </ul>
Year 8	BQ: Do we need to prove God's exist?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand the key arguments used to prove and disprove the existence of God</li> <li>• To analyse the idea of a deity/God and what this means to religious believers</li> <li>• To start evaluating arguments and coming to a justified conclusion as a key skill required for Year 9 and the GCSE curriculum.</li> </ul>
Year 9	BQ: Is religion a power of peace or a cause of conflict in today's world?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This topic includes some of the foundational knowledge required for the GCSE Theme D – Religion, Peace and Conflict.</li> <li>• Pupils will study in depth Sikh, Christian and Muslim teachings which both justify war but also promote peace, and why there are contrasting teachings.</li> <li>• It allows pupils to apply religious teachings to current events, and to understand the complexities and depth of moral situations e.g. the justifications of war.</li> </ul>
Year 10	Christianity Practices  Islam Beliefs and Teachings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils will be completing Christianity Practices which followed on from Christianity Beliefs and Teachings. The practices explain how the beliefs and teachings are relevant to Christians in their day-to-day lives.</li> <li>• Pupils will also be starting the third topic of Paper 1 – Islam Beliefs and Teachings, and studying Islam for the second half of this academic year.</li> </ul>
Year 11	Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict  Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils will be completing the third topic of Paper 2: Themes in this term.</li> <li>• Theme D covers different Christian and Islamic teachings regarding war, forgiveness, justice, peace-making and pacifism. They should be aware of contrasting perspectives in contemporary British society on all of these issues.</li> <li>• This topic will be followed on by revision of Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment</li> </ul>