



YEAR 11

Views on the origin and value of the universe and human life

Religion & Life

Abortion

Euthanasia

Animal experimentation

Existence of God & Revelation

How can we hear from deities

Can God exist?

Theological arguments

Thematic overview

Revisit key themes of religions

Similarity and difference

Demonstrate knowledge

Relationships & families

Sex, marriage & divorce

Families & gender equality

Religious views on the role so parents

Islam - beliefs & practices

The importance of Islam in Britain today

5 pillars of Sunni and 10 obligatory acts (Shi'a)

5 pillars of Sunni & 10 obligatory acts of Shi'a

Role of angels, predestination and human freedom

Religion, crime & punishment

Viewpoints on the causes of crime

Forgiveness, corporal punishment & the death penalty

Aims of punishments

The role of the local / global church

Christianity - beliefs & practices

Different forms of worship & their meaning

Pilgrimage & festivals

Role and the meanings of sacraments

Christian debates about creation & the afterlife

Salvation

YEAR 10

The problem of suffering

Why is suffering present in the world?

What challenges does this present for religions?

Life of the Buddha

Social Issues

Religion as a tool of social justice

How does philosophy discuss life & death?

Morality

Philosophy & Ethics

Death penalty & abortion

Role of prophets in Judaism, Christianity & Islam

Saints & Prophets

Saints & canonisation

Nature of God

Judaism

Place of worship

Community & practices

The life of Prophet Muhammed

YEAR 9

Religion & Science

Can science get it wrong?

Miracles

Is there really a conflict?

Sikhi

Place of worship & community

Beliefs about God & sources of authority

Philosophers through time

Philosophy

Answering big questions

Christianity - practices

Role of the Church and denominations

Worship & Prayer

Baptism & the Holy Spirit

Duties of Muslims (Shi'a and Sunni)

Islam - practices

Place of worship

Muslim responses to societal issues

Hindu practices

Places of worship

Buddhist expressions of religion

YEAR 8

Festivals - comparative unit

Why do religious believers celebrate festivals?

What similarities and differences are there between different religious/non-religious groups?

Humanism

Atheism, agnosticism & theism

How do humanists find meaning in life without 'religion'?

Hindu beliefs

Beliefs about God & creation

Sources of authority

Karma Dharma

Islam - beliefs

Shi'a and Sunni split

Sources of authority & the role of Muhammed

Christianity - beliefs

The role of Jesus

The Bible

Beliefs about God through creation

Identifying Worldviews

Differences between worldviews and religions

Outlining major religious and secular beliefs

YEAR 7

The curriculum journey begins with a focus on depth so that students' gain an understanding of key religious beliefs. This then allows them to apply this knowledge to later thematic units, which pose issues for them to form their own opinions on.

Students are exposed to the diversity of religious thought, both globally, but also in their local area. This allows students to better understand and relate to others, as well as giving them the tools to form their own world views.

This curriculum journey builds students' knowledge through a number of academic lenses; Theology, Philosophy and Sociology. The curriculum has been constructed from the Locally Agreed Berkshire Syllabus. The key building blocks are:

- Believing - key beliefs that underpin worldviews.
- Belonging - communities that are formed between those who share beliefs.
- Behaving - how beliefs and worldviews shape people's behaviour.