

Religious Studies Curriculum Map

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 7	Philosophy of Religion The Christian Community	What are Ethics? What is Sikhism?	Islam: Actions or words? What is Love?
Year 8	Who is Jesus? The Sikh Community	Why do we suffer? Can we forgive when suffering is great?	What is the value of Creation?
Year 9	AQA Specification A GCSE Christian beliefs Religion and families	AQA Specification A GCSE Religion and Families (cont.) Christian practices	AQA Specification A GCSE Christian practices (cont.) What is humanism?
Year 10	AQA Specification A GCSE Sikh beliefs Crime and punishment Archbishop of York KS4 Award Basic Training	AQA Specification A GCSE Crime and punishment (cont.) Sikh practices Archbishop of York KS4 Award Building a team	AQA Specification A GCSE Sikh practices (cont.) War and peace Archbishop of York KS4 Award Getting ready to run
Year 11	AQA Specification A GCSE Religion and life Beliefs and Values ASDAN Values, beliefs and decision making Environment Crime and Punishment	AQA Specification A GCSE Revision Beliefs and Values ASDAN Peace and conflict Creed Inspiration	AQA Specification A GCSE Revision Beliefs and Values ASDAN Catch up

Useful Links

Key Stage 3 revision: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zh3rkqt>

Key Stage 3 and 4 video resources: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcvEcrsF_9zKz1Bb5bLB4kbCK6dgt1O9o

Key Stage 4 revision: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zb48q6f>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062>

Archbishop of York Awards: http://archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.contentfiles.net/media/assets/file/KS4_InformationPack_2016.pdf

ASDAN: <https://www.asdan.org.uk/courses/programmes/beliefs-and-values-short-course>

KS4 Specification Information

Students completing the GCSE qualification will follow the AQA Religious Studies Specification A. This GCSE is a single tier qualification and is run over three years, starting in Year 9. At the end of Year 11 students will sit two exam papers lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes each.

Paper 1 will assess student's knowledge and understanding of the beliefs and practices of the two focus religions: Christianity and Sikhism.

Paper 2 will assess student's knowledge and understanding of four ethical themes, studied from Christian and Sikh viewpoints. The four themes are:

Religion and life (this covers the origins of the world and humanity, stewardship and medical ethics)

Religion, relationships and families

Religion, peace and conflict

Religion, crime and punishment

A small number of students will follow a more practical pathway, completing the Archbishop of York Key Stage 4 award, followed by the ASDAN qualification in Beliefs and Values. Both these qualifications require students to build portfolios of evidence to show that they have planned resourced and participated in a number of community events.

Where will this Subject take me?

The study of religion provides students with many opportunities for personal and intellectual growth, equipping them with a practical skillset that strengthens their employability across a wide range of careers. Religious Studies gives students the chance to build skills in data gathering and research through interpreting and synthesising information. Throughout RS, students are asked to formulate questions and solve problems, enhancing their personal communication and writing skills throughout all aspects of the course. Religious studies requires students to think for themselves by interpreting and expressing their own position on a wide range of spiritual, ethical and cultural questions; through this students also learn empathy and the develop the ability to understand the views of others.

Students of GCSE and A Level Religious studies have numerous options available to them; more than 30 Universities across the country offer degree qualifications around the topics of Religious Studies and Theology. Students studying RS as one of their A Levels could also go on to study in a variety of degree areas such as: Ancient History, Art History, Classical Studies, Criminology, English and English Literature, History, Journalism and Media Studies, Law, Philosophy, Politics and Primary or Secondary teacher training.

The following employment sectors are among many who value the skillset, empathy and knowledge gained from Religious Studies:

- Civil service – local and national government
- Community development work such as youth work
- Counselling and social work
- Hospitality and the service industry
- International business
- Journalism and the media
- Law
- Library and Museum work
- Medicine and healthcare services
- Non-profit organisations and charity work
- Public Relations and Advertising
- Public services such as the police.