

## Religious Studies Curriculum Map

	<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	Philosophy of Religion  Christianity – the key concepts	The Christian community  What is Sikhism?	Islam: Actions or words?  What is Love?
<b>Year 8</b>	Who is Jesus?	The life of a Sikh  Why do we suffer?	What is the value of Creation?
<b>Year 9</b>	AQA Specification A GCSE Religion and Families  Christian beliefs	AQA Specification A GCSE Christian beliefs (Cont.)  Religious Attitudes to drug abuse.	AQA Specification A GCSE Christian practices
<b>Year 10</b>	AQA Specification A GCSE Religion, Crime and punishment  Beliefs and Values ASDAN Values, beliefs and decision making	AQA Specification A GCSE Religion, peace and conflict  Beliefs and values ASDAN Environment Crime and punishment	AQA Specification A GCSE Religion and life  Revision: Christian beliefs and practices.  Beliefs and Values ASDAN Peace and conflict
<b>Year 11</b>	AQA Specification A GCSE Religion and life	AQA Specification A GCSE Revision	AQA Specification A GCSE Revision

### 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](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>

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.