

RELIGIOUS STUDIES



ALDER
Community High School

YEAR 10 GCSE AQA (8062)

Component 2: Theme C: The Existence of God and Revelation	
Autumn 1	Overview: - Analyses arguments for God’s existence, including Design, First Cause, and Miracles. - Explores challenges posed by the problem of evil and scientific theories like the Big Bang and Evolution. - Examines divine nature and revelation through special revelation (visions) and general revelation (nature, scripture). - Studies enlightenment as a path to divine understanding in Eastern traditions. Career Links: Education, Journalism, Law, Academic Research. Key Vocabulary - Theist - Atheist - General revelation - Special revelation - Miracle - Proof - Immanent - Transcendent - Personal - Impersonal



Component 1: Christian beliefs and teachings	
Autumn 2	Overview: - Covers core theology regarding the nature of God (omnipotent, loving, just) and the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). - Explores creation narratives in Genesis, the role of the "Word," and differing interpretations between fundamentalist and liberal Christians. - Examines the theological significance of the Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. - Analyses Christian beliefs about original sin, individual sinful acts, salvation through grace and works, atonement, and the afterlife. Career Links: Theology, Pastoral Care, Academic Writing, Philosophy. Key Vocabulary - Resurrection - Incarnation - Salvation - Atonement - Sim - The trinity - The ascension - Original sin - Salvation through grace - Salvation through works



Component 1: Christian Practices	
Spring	Overview: - Details different forms of worship, including liturgical, informal (non-liturgical), and private prayer. - Examines sacraments as outward signs of inward grace, focusing on Infant Baptism, Believers' Baptism, and Holy Communion (Eucharist). - Studies the spiritual importance of pilgrimage to sacred sites like Lourdes and Iona. - Evaluates the celebrations of Christmas and Easter, the role of the Church in local communities (food banks, street pastors), global mission, evangelism, and responses to Christian persecution through charities like CAFOD, Christian Aid, and Tearfund. Career Links: Charity Sector Management, International Development, Social Work, Local Government.
	Key Vocabulary - Liturgical worship - Non-liturgical worship - Infant baptism - Believer's baptism - Holy communion - Pilgrimage - Evangelism - Mission - Sewa - Persecution



Component 1: Muslim beliefs and teachings	
Summer 1	Overview: • Details the Sunni Six Articles of Faith and the Shi'a Five Roots of Usul ad-Din. • Explores Tawhid (oneness of God), the 99 Beautiful Names, and divine attributes including justice (Adalat), immanence, and transcendence. • Studies the role of Angels (Jibril, Mika'il), predestination (Al-Qadr), human free will, and accountability on the Day of Judgment. • Examines Akhirah (afterlife) alongside Prophethood (Risalah), focusing on Adam, Ibrahim, Muhammad, and the authority of the Qur'an and other holy books. Career Links: Community Relations, International Relations, Foreign Civil Service, Cultural Heritage. Key Vocabulary 1. Tawhid 2. Prophethood (Risalah) 3. Qur'an 4. Akhirah 5. Sunni Islam 6. Shia Islam 7. Predestination (Al-Qadr) 8. Imamate 9. Barzakh 10. 6 Articles of faith



Summer 2	Component 1: Muslim Practices	
	Overview: - Examines practical expressions of faith through the Five Pillars of Sunni Islam and the Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam. - Studies the declaration of faith (Shahadah) and obligatory daily prayer (Salah), including wudu, rak'ahs, and Sunni/Shi'a variations. - Explores fasting during Ramadan (Sawm), the Night of Power, and obligatory almsgiving through Zakah and Khums. - Analyses the pilgrimage to Makkah (Hajj), concepts of Greater and Lesser Jihad, and major observances including Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Adha, and Ashura. Career Links: NGO Leadership, Human Rights Advocacy, Community Outreach, Public Administration.	Key Vocabulary - The 5 Pillars - Shahadah - Salah - Saum - Zakat - Hajj - Jihad - The 10 Obligatory Acts - Khums - Greater jihad