

RELIGIOUS STUDIES



ALDER
Community High School

YEAR 11 GCSE AQA (8062)

Component 2: Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment	
Autumn 1	Overview: • Investigates causes of crime, attitudes toward offenders, and categorization of evil acts. • Compares the aims of punishment: retribution, deterrence, and reformation from religious and secular stances. • Examines penal systems, prison reform, corporal punishment, and community service. • Debates capital punishment using ethical frameworks and anti-death penalty campaigns. Career Links: Law Enforcement, Criminal Law, Rehabilitation Services, Criminology, Human Rights Advocacy. Key Vocabulary 1. Crime 2. Punishment 3. Retribution 4. Deterrence 5. Reformation 6. Corporal punishment 7. Capital punishment 8. Shariah law 9. Freewill 10. Atonement



Autumn 2 and Spring 1	Component 2: Theme B: Religion and Life	
	Overview: • Compares scientific origins of the universe and life (Big Bang, evolution) with religious creation accounts. • Explores environmental ethics, natural resource usage, stewardship, and animal rights. • Analyses ethical tension between sanctity of life and quality of life in debates on abortion and euthanasia. • Examines religious beliefs regarding death and the afterlife. Career Links: Environmental Science, Policy & Advocacy, Veterinary Science/Animal Welfare, Medical Ethics.	Key Vocabulary 1. Abortion 2. Euthanasia 3. Evolution 4. Stewardship 5. Dominion 6. Ensoulment 7. Khalifah 8. Akhirah/Barzakh 9. Sanctity of life 10. Haram



Component 2: Theme A: Relationships and Families	
Spring 2 and Summer 1	Overview: • Explores changing societal attitudes toward human sexuality, same-sex relationships, and cohabitation. • Analyses religious teachings on contraception, family planning, and the nature and purpose of marriage. • Examines ethical issues around divorce, remarriage, changing family structures, and gender equality. • Evaluates religious responses to gender prejudice and discrimination in modern society. Career Links: Family Law, Counselling & Psychotherapy, Social Work, Equal Opportunities Policy.
	Key Vocabulary 1. Sexuality 2. Marriage 3. Cohabitation 4. Divorce 5. Contraception 6. Gender equality 7. Polygamy 8. Ensoulment 9. Adultery 10. Bigamy