

RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS



ALDER
Community High School

YEAR 7

How do I interpret the world around me?		
Autumn	Overview: • Explores the fundamental difference between religion and personal worldviews, looking at factors that shape our individual perspectives. • Examines local religious demographics and places of worship in Tameside and Greater Manchester. • Introduces philosophical branches including metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics. • Contrasts dualist and materialist views of human existence. • Analyses five keyways of acquiring knowledge and contrasts freewill with determinism	Key Vocabulary 1. Religion 2. Worldview 3. Philosophy 4. Metaphysics 5. Epistemology 6. Ethics 7. Dualism 8. Materialism 9. Freewill 10. Determinism
	Career Links: Philosophy/Academic Research, Publishing, Journalism, Law, Public Policy.	



What connects the Abrahamic faiths?

Spring

Overview:

- Investigates the shared origins and historical connections between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
- Examines the nature of covenants, sacred scripture, and the central role of prophets such as Abraham and Moses.
- Explores how Jesus is viewed across the three traditions.
- Analyses the unique spiritual significance of Jerusalem to Jewish, Christian, and Muslim believers.

Career Links: Community Outreach, Diplomacy, International Relations, Education, Museum Curation.

Key Vocabulary

1. Salvation
2. Literal
3. Allegorical
4. Agnostic
5. Monotheistic
6. Covenant
7. Prophet
8. Abraham
9. Tawhid
10. Diaspora



Summer 1	Social Justice: How might Sikhs fight for equality?	
	Overview: • Focuses on Sikh origins and core teachings on equality across all sections of society. • Explores Guru Nanak's opposition to the caste system and the historical founding of the Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh. • Details the significance of the 5Ks, including the Kirpan as a symbol of defending justice. • Examines Sikh migration to Britain and the practice of Sewa (selfless service). Career Links: Social Work, Human Rights Advocacy, Charity Sector Management, Civil Service.	Key Vocabulary 1. Hierarchy 2. Guru 3. Gurdwara 4. Langar 5. Caste system 6. Varnas 7. Khalsa 8. 5Ks: Kesh, kirpan, kara, kanga and Kachera 9. Sewa



Dharma: How is this interpreted and put into action?	
Summer 2	Overview: - Introduces Dharmic traditions (Sanatana Dharma, Buddhism, Sikhi) and their shared concepts of karma, samsara, and reincarnation. - Explores core beliefs in Sanatana Dharma regarding atman, moksha, and religious pluralism. - Examines the Buddha's Three Universal Truths and the Eightfold Path to overcome suffering. - Looks at the Sikh concept of Mukti achieved through following the teachings of the Gurus.
	Key Vocabulary - Dharma - Karma - Atman - Brahman - Samsara - Moksha - Pluralism 8-Fold path - Sanatana Dharma - Waheguru

Career Links: Counselling, Intercultural Relations, Non-Profit Leadership, Cultural Heritage.