



Armfield Academy – Department of RE – Key Stage 3



2025-26 Year 9 Curriculum Overview

Half Term 1	
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – How do religious beliefs about the afterlife affect funeral practices?
	Learning Questions
Week 1	What is the Christian view of the afterlife?
Week 2	How do different Christian denominations view the afterlife?
Week 3	How are Christians guided towards ethical conduct through their beliefs in the afterlife?
Week 4	What are Roman Catholic and Protestant funerals like?
Week 5	What do Muslims believe about the afterlife?
Week 6	How do Muslim beliefs on the afterlife guide them towards ethical conduct?
Week 7	Application: 'Muslim and Christian ideas about the afterlife are more similar than they are different.'
Half Term 2	
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – How do non-religious beliefs about the afterlife affect funeral practices?
	Learning Questions
Week 1	Feedback What do Humanists believe about life after death?
Week 2	How do Humanist funerals reflect an absence of God?
Week 3	What is the purpose of non-religious funerals? Debate Preparation
Week 4	Application: Debate "Non-religious funerals are more useful for the living than the dead".
Week 5	Review: How do non-religious beliefs about the afterlife affect funeral practices?
Week 6	End of Enquiry Assessment
Week 7	Feedback & Reteaching
Half Term 3	
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – How do Sikh beliefs affect everyday life?
	Learning Questions
Week 1	Why is Guru Naka the founder of Sikhism?
Week 2	What do Sikhs believe about God?
Week 3	Why are the 5Ks important? Application: "The main purpose of the 5Ks is to promote equality."
Week 4	Feedback & Reteaching How does the Gurdwara help Sikhs worship?
Week 5	When, where and how do Sikhs worship?
Week 6	Why is the Guru Granth Sahib unique?
Half Term 4	
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – How do Sikhs fight for Justice?
	Learning Questions
Week 1	Why did Guru Nanak fight against the caste system?
Week 2	How does the langar promote social justice?
Week 3	Why was Mai Bhago a significant figure in Sikhism?
Week 4	Does the Khalsa promote social justice?
Week 5	End of Enquiry Assessment
Half Term 5	
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – What unites the Jewish community?
	Learning Questions
Week 1	What are issues facing Jewish people in the UK?
Week 2	Why is Abraham and the Covenant important to Jewish people?
Week 3	How do Jews determine what are 'absolute' and what are 'relative' rules?
Week 4	What does the biblical narrative of the TANAKH teach Jews today? Application: The Jews of the bible had every reason to give up on G-d
Week 5	Feedback & Reteaching
Week 6	What happened next? Into the diaspora and beyond
Half Term 6	
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – How does Judaism respond to the Holocaust?
	Learning Questions
Week 1	Is Judaism just family, food and festivals?
Week 2	Revision Application: End of enquiry assessment
Week 3	Feedback & Reteaching
Week 4	What is the Jewish response to evil and suffering?
Week 5	Should G-d be on trial for the Holocaust?
Week 6	Review: How does Judaism respond to the Holocaust?
Week 7	End of Enquiry Assessment
Week 8	Feedback