

Curriculum Overview: RS

Year group: Y10

What your child will learn each half term:

This overview shows the key topics, skills, and knowledge your child will be learning in **Religious Studies** in **Year 10**. It helps families understand what's being taught, how it builds on previous learning, and how you can support your child at home.

- What we are learning: The topic or focus for the half term.
- **Key knowledge & skills**: What students should understand and be able to do.
- **How we assess learning**: knowledge checks, practical tasks, written responses and formal assessments.
- Key words to know: Vocabulary students will learn and use.

Half term	What we are learning	Key knowledge and Skills	How we will assess learning in this unit	Homework	Key vocabulary for this unit
HT 1	The key beliefs of the religion of Judaism.	Key Knowledge: Nature of God	Knowledge checks each lesson.	Weekly vocabulary and teachings to learn.	Monotheistic Shema
Judaism Beliefs		God as Creator God as Lawgiver God as judge	A series of short-written tasks.	Retrieval sheets.	Shekhinah Mitzvot Covenant
Paper 1		Life after Death, Judgement and resurrection Nature and role of the Messiah Covenant with Moses Covenant with Abraham Key Moral Principles Sanctity of life Free will and Mitzvot Key Skills: Q3 – influence questions (AO1) Q4 – explain questions (AO10	Exam practice: exam questions End of topic assessment (past paper)	Revision.	Abraham Moses Messiah Messianic Age Justice Sanctity of life
HT 2 Judaism Practices Paper 1	The key practices of the religion of Judaism.	Key Knowledge: Importance of the Synagogue Interior features of the Synagogue Worship in Orthodox and Reform Synagogues Daily Services and Prayer Shabbat in the Synagogue Shabbat in the Home Worship in the Home Ceremonies associated with birth Bar and Bat Mitzvah Marriage	Knowledge checks each lesson. A series of short-written tasks. Exam practice: exam questions End of topic assessment (past paper).	Weekly vocabulary and teachings to learn. Retrieval sheets. Revision.	Synagogue Aron Hakodesh Ner Tamid Bimah Orthodox Reform Shabbat Brit Milah Kosher Trefah Pesach
		Mourning the dead Dietary Laws			

HT 3 Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment Paper 2	Christian beliefs about the causes of crime, different types of punishment and forgiveness.	Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Pesach Key Skills: Q3 – comparison questions (AO1) Q4 – explain questions (AO2) Key Knowledge: Causes of crime Hate Crime Breaking the law Evil and Suffering Aims of Punishment Types of Punishment Capital Punishment Forgiveness Key Skills: Q3 – comparison questions (AO1) Q4 – explain questions (AO10	Knowledge checks each lesson. A series of short-written tasks. Exam practice: exam questions End of topic assessment (past paper)	Weekly vocabulary and teachings to learn. Retrieval sheets. Revision.	Crime Punishment Hate Crime Retribution Reformation Deterrence Capital Punishment Corporal Punishment Community Service Prison Forgiveness
HT 4 Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict Paper 2	Christian beliefs and responses to war and conflict.	Q5 – evaluation questions (AO2) Key Knowledge: Violent Protest Terrorism Causes of war Just War Theory Religious attitudes to war Weapons of Mass Destruction Holy War Pacifism Forgiveness and Reconciliation Victims of War Key Skills: Q3 – comparison questions (AO1) Q4 – explain questions (AO10 Q5 – evaluation questions (AO2)	Knowledge checks each lesson. A series of short-written tasks. Exam practice: exam questions End of topic assessment (past paper)	Weekly vocabulary and teachings to learn. Retrieval sheets. Revision.	War Peace Greed Retaliation Self-defence Terrorism Just War Theory Holy War Pacifism
HT 5	Christian beliefs about the creation of the world, abortion,	Key Knowledge: The origins of the universe The value of the world	Knowledge checks each lesson.	Weekly vocabulary and teachings to learn.	Awe Wonder Genesis

Theme B:	euthanasia and life after	The use and abuse of the	A series of short-written	Retrieval sheets.	Dominion
Religion and	death.	environment	tasks.		Stewardship
Life		Pollution		Revision.	Abortion
		The use and abuse of animals	Exam practice: exam		Euthanasia
Paper 2		The origins of human life	questions		Quality of life
		Abortion			Sanctity of life
		Euthanasia	End of topic assessment		Heaven
		Death and afterlife	(past paper)		Hell
		Key Skills:			
		Q3 – comparison questions (AO1)			
		Q4 – explain questions (AO10			
		Q5 – evaluation questions (AO2)			
HT6	Christian attitudes to	Key Knowledge:	Knowledge checks each	Weekly vocabulary and	Human Sexuality
	intimate relationships,	Human Sexuality	lesson.	teachings to learn.	Homosexual
Theme A:	marriage, divorce and	Sexual relationships before and			Heterosexual
Relationships	raising children.	outside marriage	A series of short-written	Retrieval sheets.	Cohabitation
and Families		Contraception and Family	tasks.		Contraception
and rannaco		Planning		Revision.	Marriage
Paper 2		Marriage	Exam practice: exam		Divorce
		Divorce	questions		Procreate
		Nature of Families			Annulment
		Purpose of Families	End of topic assessment		Gender Equality
		Gender Equality	(past paper)		
		Key Skills:			
		Q3 – comparison questions (AO1)			
		Q4 – explain questions (AO10			
		Q5 – evaluation questions (AO2)			