

# Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy

**Religious Education Department** 

## Long Term Curriculum Plan

Last Reviewed: July 2023

"The primary purpose of Catholic Religious Education is to come to know and understand God's revelation which is fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ."

Religious Education Curriculum Directory (3-19) for Catholic Schools and Colleges in England and Wales



#### Overview

Religious Education at Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy is at the heart of our school community and curriculum. Pope St John Paul II stated that Religious Education is the "core of the core curriculum" in a Catholic school and should play a central role in helping educate each individual student to discern the meaning of their existence. The *Religious Education Curriculum Directory* states that "without religious education, students would be deprived of an essential element of their formation and personal development, which helps them attain a vital harmony between faith and culture." Religion shapes everyday life, from politics and art to law and international relations, and a lack of religious literacy and understanding can lead to intolerance, hatred, and division.

Therefore, the intended outcome of our Religious Education curriculum is religiously literate and engaged young people, who have the knowledge, understanding and skills to reflect spiritually, and think ethically and theologically, and who are aware of the demands of religious commitment in everyday life.

### **Our Curriculum Intent**

The overriding ambition of our Religious Education curriculum is to enable every child to achieve more than they think they can achieve – a vision which is at the heart of everything we do as a school. We see this as reflecting the words of Jesus, "I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10.

Our intention at Our Lady and St Bede is to ensure that our Religious Education curriculum enables our students to:

- develop their knowledge and deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.
- investigate and understand the relevance of the Catholic faith to questions about truth and the meaning of life.
- highlight, develop and foster the values, attitudes and practices which are compatible with a positive response to the invitation to faith.
- develop the skills of reflection, discernment, critical thinking, and deciding how to act in. accordance with an informed conscience when making moral decisions.
- nurture the prayer life of the individual and of the school community.
- understand and appreciate significant aspects of other Christian traditions and major world religions.
- make a positive difference to themselves and the world by putting their beliefs and values into action.
- recognise and respect diversity and difference.
- develop holistically, enabling them to grow as responsible citizens in an ever-changing world.
- have opportunities to explore faith and belief through reflection and contemplation.
- to express their own beliefs, values, traditions, opinions, and perceptions of the world through a range of creative tasks and challenges.
- develop literacy skills and foster a love of reading through subject specific reading.



### **Curriculum Map - Overview**

### \*New RED implemented in Year 7 during 2023/24 academic year

	Autumn HT1	Autumn HT2	Spring HT3	Spring HT4	Summer HT5	Summer HT6
Year 7	7.1 Creation and Covenant	7.2 Prophecy and Promise	7.3 Galilee to Jerusalem	7.4 Desert to Garden	7.5 To the ends of the earth	7.6 Dialogue and Encounter
Year 8	8.1 Creation and the Environment	8.2 Covenants	8.3 Prophecy	8.4 War and Peace	8.5 Introduction to Islam	8.6 The Church in Britain
Year 9	9.1 Mark's Gospel	9.2 Prayer and Pilgrimage	9.3 Philosophy	9.4 Ethics and Morality	9.5 Religion and Society	9.6 Suffering and Reconciliation
Year 10	10.3.1 Study of a Major World Faith: Judaism - Beliefs and Teachings	10.3.2 Study of a Major World Faith: Judaism - Practices	10.2.1 Applied Catholic Theology: Life and Death	10.2.1 Applied Catholic Theology: Life and Death	10.2.2 Applied Catholic Theology: Sin and Forgiveness	10.2.2 Applied Catholic Theology: Sin and Forgiveness
Year 11	10.1.1 Foundational Catholic Theology: Origins and Meaning	10.1.1 Foundational Catholic Theology: Origins and Meaning	10.1.2 Foundational Catholic Theology: Good and Evil	10.1.1 Foundational Catholic Theology: Good and Evil	REVISION	



### **Year 7 Religious Education**

	Autumn HT1	Autumn HT2	Spring HT3	Spring HT4	Summer HT5	Summer HT6
Programme of Study	7.1 Creation and Covenant  • Expectations and Introduction Lesson • How do we know God? • How should we read the Bible? • Genesis I and Creation • Genesis 2 and Creation	7.2 Prophecy and Promise  • Navigating the Bible • Bible Translation • How is the Bible a library of books? • What connects the Hebrew Bible and the Old Testament? • The importance of the Old	7.3 Galilee to Jerusalem  What is the Incarnation?  Who is Jesus, Son of God?  Arius' teachings about Jesus  Jesus, Son of Man  Jesus, Christ and Son of David  Jesus, the Lord	7.4 Desert to Garden  • What is the Paschal Mystery? • The Sacraments • The importance of the Last Supper • The Eucharist • How is Jesus present in the Eucharist? • Why is Mass	7.5 To the ends of the earth  • Who was St Luke?  • The Holy Spirit  • Pentecost  • What does the Church teach about the Holy Spirit?  • What is the Church?  • The Sacrament of Confirmation	7.6 Dialogue and Encounter  • How have the councils been important in the Church? • What happened at the Council of Jerusalem? • Why are there so many Christian denominations? • What is
	<ul><li>Science and Creation</li><li>What do Catholics</li></ul>	Testament  • How is scripture inspired?  • Sacred scripture	<ul> <li>The Trinity</li> <li>How does         Catholic         worship reflect     </li> </ul>	called a sacrifice? • The structure of the Mass	<ul><li>How should we live?</li><li>How is Pentecost</li></ul>	Ecumenism?
	believe about the scientific theories of creation?	and sacred tradition • Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium	belief in the Trinity? • How is Jesus the perfect human being?	<ul> <li>How do         Catholics carry         Jesus in the         world?     </li> </ul>	celebrated in different countries?	



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	<ul> <li>What makes humans different to the rest of creation?</li> <li>What is our responsibility to others?</li> <li>What is our responsibility to the world?</li> <li>The role of Prayer</li> <li>Can art help Catholics understand creation?</li> <li>The life and work of Dorothy Stang</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scripture in Mass</li> <li>Scripture and the Rosary</li> <li>How do the Lindisfarne Gospels reflect the meaning of scripture?</li> <li>What are Biblical Idioms?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can businesses act selflessly?</li> <li>What can Catholics learn from Rublev's Trinity?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What do         Christians         believe about         the Eucharist?</li> <li>How can we         respond to         world hunger?</li> <li>What can art         teach us about         the Eucharist?</li> </ul>		
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### **Core Skills**

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### **Assessment**

Four assessment points including two low stakes retrieval quizzes, a Proof of Progress (POP) task linked to the virtues and one end of unit assessment. Tier 3 vocabulary corrected throughout and full feedback given twice half termly.



#### **Links to Careers**

Each unit is linked to the Gatsby Benchmarks, which are listed in the Unit Rationales. Three careers specific lessons, one per term, linked to the unit being studies are also delivered by all staff across the department to emphasise the importance of considering and recognising the importance of their 'next steps'.

### **Cultural Capital**

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### **Opportunities for Literacy Development**

Subject Specific Reading as noted below from Week 2 Autumn HT1:

• Year 7: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S.Lewis

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### **Year 8 Religious Education**

	Autumn HT1	Autumn HT2	Spring HT3	Spring HT4	Summer HT5	Summer HT6
Programme of Study	8.1 Creation and the Environment  • Expectations and Introduction Lesson • What happened in the beginning? • What happened in the Garden of Eden? • What do the Christian creation accounts teach us about the	<ul> <li>What is a Covenant?</li> <li>God's Covenant with Noah</li> <li>God's Covenant with Abraham</li> <li>God's Covenant with Moses</li> <li>Film: The Prince of Egypt</li> <li>Film: The Prince of Egypt</li> <li>The Exodus</li> <li>What is The Passover?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What is a prophet?</li> <li>Who are the major and minor prophets?</li> <li>OT Prophecy: Amos</li> <li>OT Prophecy: Jeremiah</li> <li>OT Prophecy: Ezekiel</li> <li>OT Prophecy: Micah and Isaiah</li> <li>How is Jesus a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What is War?</li> <li>What does Christianity teach about war and peace?</li> <li>What is Just War Theory?</li> <li>How do Christians help victims of war?</li> <li>Why is Justice, Peace and Reconciliation important?</li> <li>How is conflict resolved and</li> </ul>	8.5 Introduction to Islam  What is Islam?  What do Muslims believe about God?  Who was Muhammad (pbuh)?  What is the Qur'an?  Different denominations within Islam  What are the five pillars of Islam?	<ul> <li>8.6 The Church in Britain</li> <li>What are the denominations in Christianity?</li> <li>How did Christianity reach Britain?</li> <li>The Northern Saints</li> <li>The Lindisfarne Gospels</li> <li>Monks and Monasteries</li> <li>Religious Orders</li> <li>The Reformation</li> </ul>
	nature of God? • Creation	The meaning and purpose of	fulfilment of the Old Testament	peace made? • What is the role	Why is Salah important?	The Church in     Britain Today:
	Stories: Hinduism  Creation Stories: Inuit	<ul><li>Passover today</li><li>Jesus as the New</li><li>Covenant I</li></ul>	<ul><li>prophecy?</li><li>Do prophets</li><li>exist today?</li></ul>	of the media in building peace and preventing conflict?	<ul><li>Why is Sawm important?</li><li>Why is Hajj important?</li></ul>	Facts and Figures Catholicism Today:



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	Stories: Ancient Egyptian Are science and religion compatible? I Are science and religion compatible? II Creation: Gift and Responsibility	<ul> <li>Jesus as the New Covenant II</li> <li>The Eucharist and the Mass for Catholics</li> </ul>	•	Modern Day Prophecy: Martin Luther King Jr Modern Day Prophecy: Oscar Romero Modern Day Prophecy: Sean Devereux Why are prophets important today and how can we be modern day prophets?	• • • •	what are alternative religious attitudes to war? I What are alternative religious attitudes to war? II What are the religious views on weapons of mass destruction? Can a War ever be classed as holy? Case Study: "Building Bridges For Peace" — what they do and why they do it.	•	How is Christianity similar to Islam? How do Muslims worship in a Mosque? What is it like being a Muslim in contemporary Britain?	• •	Challenges in the Modern World Ecumenism Interfaith Dialogue
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• Year 8: The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf

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### **Year 9 Religious Education**

	Autumn HT1	Autumn HT2	Spring HT3	Spring HT4	Summer HT5	Summer HT6
Programme of Study	<ul> <li>Autumn HT1</li> <li>9.1 Mark's Gospel</li> <li>Expectations and Introduction Lesson</li> <li>What was the Great Fire of Rome?</li> <li>Who was Mark?</li> <li>Why is the Baptism of Jesus important?</li> <li>How did Jesus call the disciples?</li> <li>How did Jesus send the disciples?</li> <li>Why is the Transfiguration significant?</li> </ul>	9.2 Prayer and Pilgrimage  What is Prayer?  Different types of Prayer  Places of Worship Prayer in 'other' religious traditions  Unanswered Prayers  Popular Piety including the Rosary  What is a Pilgrimage?  Why do Christians go on Pilgrimage?  Case Studies: Lourdes and the	<ul> <li>Spring HT3</li> <li>9.3 Philosophy</li> <li>What is Philosophy?</li> <li>How did Aristotle, Plato and Socrates impact upon philosophy?</li> <li>Who are the modern-day philosophers and what is their philosophy?</li> <li>The Design Argument</li> <li>Ontological Arguments</li> <li>The Cosmological Argument</li> <li>Does God exist?</li> </ul>	9.4 Ethics and Morality  • Introduction to Ethics • Morality and Decision Making • Conscience • Identity and Human Nature • Freewill • Applied Ethics: Animal Rights • Applied Ethics: Medical Ethics Environmental Ethics	9.5 Religion and Society  • Catholic Upbringing • Different Types of Family • Marriage • Divorce • Different Roles for Men and Women • Prejudice and Discrimination • Multi-Faith Societies • Multi-Ethnic Societies • Asylum Seekers	9.6 Suffering and Reconciliation  • What does it mean to forgive? • Is it easy to forgive? • The Forgiveness Project • Jesus' teachings on forgiveness • How can we receive forgiveness? • Can only God truly forgive? • What does it mean to suffer? • Types of suffering • The Holocaust



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<ul> <li>What happen in the Feeding of the 5000?</li> <li>Why did the Healing of the Paralysed malead to conflice</li> <li>How did Jesus break the Sabbath laws</li> <li>How did Jesus life come to a end?</li> <li>Why is Jesus' death and resurrection important?</li> </ul>	faiths go on pilgrimage?  How pilgrims are represented in the media  Why is pilgrimage important?	<ul> <li>The Problem of Evil and Suffering</li> <li>The Freewill Defence</li> <li>What is a religious experience?</li> <li>How can we verify religious experiences?</li> <li>Do we have the answers?</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>The Holocaust:         Could you         forgive?</li> <li>How do we         remember the         Holocaust         today?</li> </ul>
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### **Opportunities for Literacy Development**

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• Year 9: Animal Farm by George Orwell

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### **Year 10 Religious Education**

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Programme of Study	10.3.1 Study of a Major World Faith: Judaism — Beliefs and Teachings  • The Shema • Jewish beliefs about Creation • God as 'Law Giver and Judge' • Shekinah • Different Jewish beliefs about the Messiah • Abraham • Moses • Pikuach Nefesh • Mitzvot • Life after Death	10.3.2 Study of a Major World Faith: Judaism – Practices  • Worship: Synagogue • Tenakh and Talmud: Significance in Daily Life • Worship: Home • Shabbat • How to keep Kosher in Britain • Brit Milah • Bar/Bat Mitzvah • Marriage • Mourning Rituals • Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur • Festivals: Sukkot and Pesach	10.2.1 Applied Catholic Theology: Life and Death  • Dying Well and Palliative care. • Catholic teaching on assisted suicide and Euthanasia. • Contrasting views on Quality, Sanctity of Life and right to die. • Catholic beliefs about Life after Death. (1 Cor. 15) • Catholic teaching on Purgatory (Ref.	10.2.1 Applied Catholic Theology: Life and Death  • The Nature of the Second Vatican Council- History and 4 key documents. • How beliefs in resurrection are expressed by the Paschal Candle as used at the Easter • What is the Catholic Funeral rite? • How music expresses Catholic Belief about eternal life (Faure's requiem).	10.2.2 Applied Catholic Theology: Sin and Forgiveness  • Difference between crime and sin • Criminal Penalties • Catholic teachings on Capital Punishment • Other Christian views on Capital Punishment • Catholic teachings on Forgiveness • Hell versus God's mercy • Salvation • How the objects	10.2.2 Applied Catholic Theology: Sin and Forgiveness  • The orientation of a church and salvation • The Nature of the Church • The Church as the Body of Christ • The Seven Sacraments • The Eucharist as 'source and summit' • Evangelii Gaudium • Mission and Evangelisation



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	<ul> <li>Christian Beliefs about eternal life in iconography of Sarcophagus Scenes of Passion.</li> <li>The Magisterium; Ordinary and extraordinary forms by Popes, Councils and Evangelium Vitae (61-62 and 65). Vigil and Catholic Baptism.</li> <li>The significance of prayer – "The raising of the mind and heart to God".</li> </ul>	represent salvation
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### **Unit Specific Concepts**

**3.1 & 3.2** - Synagogue; Shekinah; Shabbat; Kosher; Torah; Mitzvot; Messiah; Covenant

All students should be able to explain and apply these concepts in relation to the theme.

- 2.1 Death; Eternal Life; Heaven; Hell; Judgement; Magisterium; Resurrection; Soul
- 2.2 Absolutism; Eucharist; Evangelisation; Forgiveness; Punishment; Relativism; Salvation; Sin

All students should be able to explain and apply these concepts in relation to the theme.



#### **Core Skills**

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#### **Assessment**

End of unit assessments (each unit), Mock Examination on Judaism (January), Summer Examination on Judaism and Applied (June), Peer and Self-Assessment throughout (green pen), presentations, Retrieval Homework Booklets (four booklets – all marked, and feedback provided), feedback in books (www, ebi and next steps), higher order questioning in lessons, key words tests. AP1-4 structure of retrieval assessment structured throughout each unit, including two low stakes quizzes and a reflective Proof of Progress (POP) task.

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### **Year 11 Religious Education**

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Programme of Study	10.1.1 Foundational Catholic Theology: Origins and Meaning  • St Augustine and the Origins of the Universe • Genesis 1 and 2 • Different Christian beliefs about the origins of the universe • Non-religious explanations for the origins of the universe • Evolution • The Nature of Humanity • Stewardship • Creation of Adam • Tree of Life Apse	10.1.1 Foundational Catholic Theology: Origins and Meaning  • Catherine of Sienna • Abortion and the Sanctity of Human Life • Humanist Response • Revelation and Inspiration • Literary Forms of the Bible • Catholic Social Teaching • CAFOD and SVP • Interfaith Dialogue	10.1.2 Foundational Catholic Theology: Good and Evil  Introduction to Good and Evil.  Original Sin  Origin of Evil and Suffering  God's Goodness  The Problem of Evil and Suffering  Catholic Responses to the Problem of Evil and Suffering  Free Will  Philosophical and non- religious	10.1.2 Foundational Catholic Theology: Good and Evil  • The meaning of suffering • The Book of Job • The Nature of the Trinity • Augustine and De Trinitate • The Incarnation • The Kenosis Hymn • Salvifici Doloris • Jesus as a Source of Moral Authority • Natural Law • Conscience • Michelangelo's La Pieta	Revision



### **Unit Specific Concepts**

- 1.1 Creation Ex Nihilo; Evolution; Imago Dei; Inspiration; Omnipotence; Revelation; Stewardship; Transcendence
- 1.2 Conscience; Evil; Freewill; Goodness; Incarnation; Natural Law; Privation; Suffering

Students should be able to explain and apply these concepts in relation to the theme from the perspective of Catholic Christianity and, where appropriate, Judaism.

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### **Assessment Strategy and Implementation**

Our core units through Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 will be assessed through:

### **AO1**

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief\*, including:

- beliefs, practices and sources of authority
- influence on individuals, communities and societies
- similarities and differences within and/or between religions and beliefs

### **AO2**

Analyse and evaluate aspects of religion and belief\*, including their meaning, significance, and influence.

Within our assessments, there are **four** areas assessment skills:

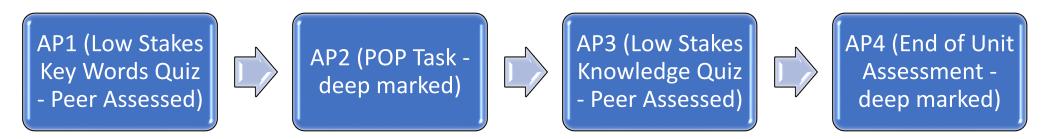
- Define: Definition of specific religious vocabulary.
- AO1 (Describe) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding by describing a belief, teaching, practice, event etc.
- **AO1** (Explain/Compare) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a topic by giving a full explanation including supporting the statements made with reasoning and/or evidence e.g. explaining how or why.
- **A02** (Evaluate) Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view (you must refer to religion and belief in your answer). Evaluation of a view from more than one perspective.

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### **Assessment Structure (All Key Stages)**



### **AP1 - Key Words Test**

A low stakes retrieval quiz designed to test knowledge of the ten Tier 2 and Tier 3 vocabulary attributed to the unit. Students are given an opportunity to complete corrections afterwards before they begin to apply the words in sentences.

### **AP2 - Proof of Progress Task (POP)**

A specific written or creative task used to assess knowledge. These tasks are linked to the school virtues for each half term and are deep marked by teachers. This task always occurs in the middle of each unit and assesses knowledge of previous lessons completed within the sequence.

### **AP3 - Knowledge Retrieval Quiz**

A low stakes multiple choice retrieval quiz designed to test knowledge. Students are given an opportunity to complete corrections afterwards and identify gaps in knowledge, which they will plug to ensure knowledge is secure before continuing with the unit.

### **AP4 - End of Unit Assessment**

A summative assessment against the Key Stage 3 progress descriptors. The structure of each assessment will be flexible and will respond to emerging needs for each year group.

This assessment structure enables both students and teachers to identify gaps in knowledge and misconceptions in a timely and purposeful manner. Subsequent teaching responds to the outcomes of these assessments to help plug gaps/clarify concepts.