RE Learning Journey

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GCSE Y10 and Y11

Ethics: Religion and Life
- Origin of the Universe (Creationist verses intelligent design)
- Origin of humanity (Science)
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- Origin of the Universe (science
- Truth (scientific verses religious)
- Homosexuality and same sex marriage
- Sex and contraception
- Cohabitation
- Remarriage
- Divorce
- Marriage and the purpose of marriage
- Gender roles within the church- ordination of women
- Raising children in faith/protection of children
- Family (contemporary verses traditional and the nuclear family). Parenting and responsibilities.
- Gender roles within the family
- Euthanasia- background
- Euthanasia- Christian view
- Christian views on abortion
- When does life begin?
- The Abortion debate
- Quality verses sanctity of life
- Animal Experimentation
- Animal rights (food, sport, RSPCA) and vegetarianism
- Environment and pollution incl. sustainability and conservation

Ethics: Relationships and Family
- Funerals
- Ascension of Jesus
- Lent and Easter
- Advent and Christmas
- Annunciation and the role of Mary
- Pilgrimage
- Baptism
- Can you be good without God?
- Evil in real life: case studies
- Causes of crime
- Is Kevin evil?

Ethics: Crime and Punishment
- Where does evil come from?
- Does suffering have value?
- How to be good with God
- Aims of punishment
- Types of punishment?
- Persecution
- Evangelism
- Jewish funerals and mourning
- Jewish marriage
- B'rit Milah and Bar Mitzvah
- Yom Kippur
- Does free will even exist?
- What are Jewish beliefs about charity?
- Is all life sacred?
- Mitzvah-Are all Jewish laws still relevant?

A comprehensive guide to Judaism, part two.
- Shekinah in the Synagogue: How did Jews come to worship in synagogues?
- Shekinah in the Temple: What was the Ark of the Covenant?
- Moses' Covenant: What does the Exodus story teach Jews?
- Abraham's Covenant: Are the Jews God's chosen people?
- What does the Shema teach about God?
- What is the nature of God for Jewish people?
- Can Orthodox and Reform Jews ever agree? Same religion, different denomination.

Christianity: Christian worship
- The problem of evil and key defences
- Life after death and the soul
- Heaven and Hell
- How belief in life after death affects behaviour
- Christian prayer and the Eucharist
- Worship- public and private; David and Paul
- Charity as part of worship?
- Religious objects

Christianity: special occasions
- Sacraments
- Creeds and miracles
- Salvation and Redemption
- What happened to Jesus's body?
- The nature of God the Father
- The Trinity and Creation

Christianity - Miracles and life after death
- Jesus: belief verses fact
- The Holy spirit

Christianity - Key beliefs
- The Holy Trinity

Judaism: Jewish festivals and rites of passage
- Family life and the Sabbath/Shabbat
- Kosher-Kashrut- Jewish Food law
- Passover
- Rosh Hasanah
- Tenach and Talmud

Judaism: Jewish worship
- The synagogue in daily life
- Jewish worship- public and private

Year 9

Ethics: Religion, Peace and Conflict
- What is Pacifism
- What is a 'Just War'?
- War. What is it good for?
- Are laws always fair? How to respond to injustice.
- What is justice?
- Weapons of mass destruction: Should America have dropped 'the bomb'?
- What is a 'Holy War'?
- Is one man's terrorist another man's freedom fighter?
- Should we forgive?
- What is the 'Promised Land'?
- Is the Messiah coming?

A comprehensive guide to Judaism, part one.
- An introduction to Judaism: What can you remember from year 7?

RE in the contemporary world. Should there be a limit to giving?
- Giving our land - the migration debate
- Giving our blood - should it be a choice or requirement?
- Giving our organs- the pros and cons of organ donation
- The Big Issue: A hand up or a hand out?
- Which are more worthy: local charities or international charities?
- Why is the Langer important in the Sikh community?
- Where do Sikhs gather to worship (Gudwara)?
- How are Sikh teachings communicated in the Guru Granth Sahib?
- What are the 5 Ks of Sikhs and what do they represent?
- What spiritual experiences did Guru Nanak have?
- What is the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi?

How are Sikh teachings put into practice today?
- Time for a change? - Guru Nanak's new religion.
- What do Buddhists believe about Karma and reincarnation? How does this compare with Hindus?
- Sangha- Buddhist monks and nuns
- What do mandalas represent and how they be linked to mindfulness?
- What is meditation and can it benefit everyone? Why do people in the West like the ways of the Buddha so much?
- 'Right Mindfulness' and the Eight Fold path. How is this similar to secular mindfulness?
- What are the key events in the life of the Buddha?

What are the teachings of the Buddha and are they still relevant today?

Year 8

What is it like to be a young Hindu in Britain today?
- Introducing Sanjay who will be our guide to the Hindu way of life
- When I was born - Birth and Naming Ceremonies
- My Early years- A look at the early years of a Hindu child.
- When I learned about Hindu gods.
- Attending a Hindu wedding
- Pilgrimage to the River Ganges
- Celebrating Holi
- Experiencing death: funerals, reincarnation, and escaping the cycle of rebirth

Introduction to Judaism
- Why is it do important to study the Holocaust? (The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas)
- How important is the synagogue in the life of the Jewish community?
- How do Jews pray? Is it a waste of time?
- Do we need to rest? How does Shabbat link to the creation story?
- Mitzvah – too many and too old fashioned?
- Does what we eat matter? Why do Jews follow food laws?
- Visiting a Hindu temple
- The Hindu sacred thread ceremony
- Who was Moses and was he a bad leader?
- Film: My name is Khan
- What is the Burka and why is it worn?
- Who was the prophet Muhammad? Was he a hero?
- What were the teachings of the prophet Muhammad and how have these been interpreted by Muslims?
- Where does Judaism originate from? Did Abraham make the right decision?
- What are the 10 commandments and why are they so important to Jewish people?

Year 7

Does the world need heroes?
- Why is Passover one of the most sacred and widely observed holiday in the Jewish religion?
- What is R.E.? Why do we need to study it?
- Martin Luther King-Is violence ever the answer?
- Corrie Ten Boom: Can you still be a hero if you break the law?
- Jesus: the ultimate hero?
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer- Did he change for the better?
- What makes a hero?

Islam: What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?
- How do the Five Pillars of Islam support Muslim worship and belief in action? Shahadah and Zakat
- Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan? (Sawm)
- Hajj (pilgrimage): What happens, where, when, why?
- How does Salat affect the daily lives of Muslims?