



CURRICULUM MAP: GLOBAL BELIEFS & PHILOSOPHY

"We believe that every one of our students, regardless of background, is entitled to encounter the best that has been thought, said and done through a broad and ambitious curriculum."

"The study of global beliefs and philosophy enables students to examine the biggest questions of life and consider what it means to be human. By studying our ambitious curriculum, students will better understand our world and their place within it as well as being prepared for life in a multicultural society."

	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4	TERM 5	TERM 6
Year 11 Units	What are the most important practices of Buddhism?	What are the most important practices of Christianity?	What are religious views on crime and punishment?	What are religious views on peace and conflict	Revision and exams	
Key concepts	Meditation, mantras, temples, shrines, death rituals, the five precepts, the six perfections	Worship, prayer, sacraments, the eucharist, pilgrimage, evangelism, church growth, persecution and reconciliation	Justice, punishment, deterrence, reformation, retribution, corporal punishment, capital punishment	Just war theory, pacifism, WMDs and MAD, peace, holy war, religious peacemakers		
Builds on	Buddhist beliefs, Hinduism	Christian beliefs, Judaism, Christianity, revelation	Matters of life and death, Buddhist and Christian beliefs, social philosophy, what is a good person, ultimate questions	Life and death, crime and punishment, social philosophy, what is a good person, ultimate questions		
Leads to	A level religious studies	A level religious studies				
Year 10 Units	What are the most important beliefs of Buddhism?		What are the most important beliefs of Christianity?		What are religious views on matter of life and death?	What are religious views on revelation and other reasons for believing in God?
Key concepts	Asceticism, the Four Sights, enlightenment, dependent arising, the three marks of existence, bodhisattvas and arhats, nibbana, the four noble truths, the noble 8fold path		Trinity, creation, fundamentalist and liberal interpretations, role of the word and spirit in creation, original sin, atonement, salvation and the means of salvation		Abortion, euthanasia, animal rights, environmentalism, the sanctity of life, quality of life	The cosmological argument, teleological argument, problem of evil and theodicies, general and special revelation
Builds on knowledge of...	Ultimate questions, what is a religion? Hinduism		Judaism, Christianity		Judaism, Christianity, what is a good person? Philosophy in film and media	Ultimate questions, Does God exist? Philosophy in film and media
Leads to..	Buddhist practices, all unit in themes		Christian practices, all units in themes		Crime and punishment, peace and conflict	A level Philosophy or religious studies
Year 9 Units	Is it better to be free or secure?		What are the most important features of Hinduism?		How are philosophical questions explored in film and media?	
Key concepts	Society, rights, hierarchy of needs, freedom, security, utopias, the state of nature, the harm principle		Trimurti, avatars, samsara, karma, moksha, bhagavad gita, yoga, asceticism, pujas, festivals		Universal scepticism, the self and personal identity, physicalism, dualism, cancel culture, censorship, conspiracy theories, AI	
Builds on knowledge of...	Ultimate questions, What is a good person?		What is a religion, other important beliefs and worldview; Hindu learning in KS2 eg 'Why do Hindus want to be good?'		Ultimate questions, What is a good person? What is social philosophy?	
Leads to..	Philosophy in film and media, GCSE ethics		GCSE Buddhism beliefs and practices		GCSE Buddhism, Christianity and ethics	
Year 8 Units	Does God Exist?	What is a good person?	What are the most important features of Islam?		What are some other important beliefs and worldviews?	
Key concepts	God, First cause argument, design argument, revelation, science, nihilism	Ethics, Divine Command ethics, utilitarianism, virtue ethics, animal rights	Muhammad, idolatry and shirk, The Quran, Allah, Life after death, the five pillars, Hajj, angels and jinn		Indigenous religions, African diaspora religions (the slave trade), Rastafari, Cults, Apocalyptic religious movements, New age religions	
Builds on knowledge of...	Ultimate questions, Christianity	Ultimate questions, Judaism, Christianity	What is religion? Judaism, KS1 work on 'What is a Muslim?'		What is religion? Christianity, Judaism, Islam	
Leads to..	GCSE God and revelation	Film and media, GCSE ethics modules	Other important beliefs and worldviews Hinduism GCSE Christianity		GCSE Buddhism and Christianity	
Year 7 Units	What are Ultimate Questions?	What is religion?	What are the most important features of Judaism?		What are the most important features of Christianity?	
Key concepts	Philosophy, Ethics, Scepticism, Knowledge, reasons	Prehistoric religion, seven dimensions of religion, beliefs, rituals, stories, rules	Monotheism, Creation, shabbat, covenant, exodus, pesach, mitzvot, the temple, messiah, antisemitism		Messiah, Trinity, incarnation, crucifixion, atonement, salvation, resurrection, evangelism, the reformation	
Builds on knowledge of...	Any philosophical and ethical issues covered in KS1/2 e.g. environmental ethics, science and creation etc	Any comparative/thematic units studied in KS1/2 eg How does faith help people?	What is religion? Judaism work in KS2 eg Who is Jewish and how do they live?		What is religion? Judaism, KS1 learning about Christmas and Easter, KS2 learning about the Trinity and the Christian concept of the Messiah	
Leads to..	All future units of philosophy	All future units of religious studies, other beliefs and world views	Christianity, Islam, Does God exist, GCSE Christian beliefs		Does God exist?, GCSE Christian beliefs and practices	

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