



Eastbrook School

KS4 Curriculum Summary – Religious Studies

The information below gives an overview of the topics that your child will be studying in Religious Studies during years 10 and 11. It also outlines how you can support your child to enrich and extend their learning outside of school.

At the end of Year 11 the students will sit – [AQA Religious Studies A / specification code: 8062](#)

The year 11 curriculum has been adapted to account for lost learning time due to Covid 19. These adaptations are a response to the amended syllabus

Year 10					
Autumn term		Spring term		Summer term	
Topics and themes		Topics and themes		Topics and themes	
<p>Theme A Relationship and Families</p> <p>Students explore the following topics:</p> <p>Sexuality and Sex Marriage and Families Divorce and Remarriage Role of man and woman Role of parent and children Contraception</p>	<p>Theme B Religion, Science and Life</p> <p>Students explore the following topics:</p> <p>Creationism Big Bang Evolution Intelligent Design Religious views on climate change Euthanasia Abortion Right to life and Right to choice</p>	<p>Theme C The Existence of God and Revelation</p> <p>Students explore the following topics:</p> <p>The nature of God Religion versus Science Arguments for and against the existence of God Special revelation General Revelation Miracles</p>	<p>Theme E Religion, Crime and Punishment</p> <p>Students explore the following topics:</p> <p>Causes of crime Treatment of criminals Forgiveness The nature and origins of evil Corporal Punishment Capital Punishment</p>	<p>Judaism – Beliefs</p> <p>Students study the philosophy and teachings of Judaism. Orthodox Judaism and Liberal Judaism are studied in contrast to each other.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <p>Moral principles The role of the Messiah Free will and Mitzvots The 3 Covenants with Noah, Abraham and Moses</p>	<p>Judaism – Practices</p> <p>Students study the practices of Judaism. Orthodox Judaism and Liberal Judaism are studied in contrast to each other.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <p>The Synagogue Worship Ceremonies Birth Marriage Death rites Dietary Laws Festivals</p>
Useful websites					
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Other ways to support learning					
<p>One of the best ways to support your child in RS is to discuss the topics they are studying. This will give them additional perspectives and arguments to consider, which are essential for success in the GCSE exam.</p> <p>-Watch the news and consider how religion influences world events and ethical decisions. -Visit places of worship when the opportunity arises.</p>					

Year 10 Achievement Summary – By the end of Year 10 students will:

- Develop their understanding of Theme A, Theme B, Theme C, and Theme F.
- Develop understanding in major views and teachings in Judaism, Christianity and Buddhism and Islam.
- Able to debate their views and show respect for other perspectives in class.
- Able to construct a 12-mark essay with contrasting views explored and explained.
- Have the depth of knowledge about Jewish Teachings and Practice.

Year 11			
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<p>Christianity – Beliefs</p> <p>Students study the different teachings and beliefs of Christianity according to Protestantism and Roman Catholicism.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <p>The Holy Trinity Nature of God Jesus Christ Crucifixion Resurrection Judgement Sin and Salvation Heaven and Hell Forgiveness</p>	<p>Christianity – Practices</p> <p>Students study the practices of Christianity in both Roman Catholicism and Protestantism</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <p>Worship Prayer Sacraments Pilgrimage Festivals The Church Missions and evangelism</p>	<p>Exam Preparation for all previous themes and topics</p> <p>Practice Papers for Paper 1 (Christianity and Judaism) and Paper 2 (Theme A, B, C and C).</p> <p>Students focus on the writing structure for 4, 5 and 12 mark questions.</p>	<p>EXAM</p>
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