

Key Stage 3 Religious Education

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	Meaning and Belonging	Who is Jesus?	What is our history?	World Religions – Sikhism	Sacraments of Initiation	
Year 8	What is the Kingdom of God?	Social Harmony	World Religions – Islam	The Paschal Mystery	The Mass	Sacraments of Healing
Year 9	Arguments for God	Sacraments of Vocation	Crime and Punishment	Global Responsibility	Judaism	

Year 7 Religious Education

Autumn 1	Meaning and Belonging	In Year 7 students will begin by exploring what it means to belong to a school community before learning about what it means to belong to the Catholic community. Students will learn about the roles within the Church and how they can all contribute and support the universal Church.
Autumn 2	Who is Jesus?	In this topic students will explore the life and times of Jesus. They will learn about who Jesus is, using historical evidence to explore the belief that Jesus is the Incarnation and learn about the miracles he performed.
Spring 1	What is our history?	Students will learn about the history of the Church in Britain and how the Catholic religion developed over the centuries in Britain. They will learn that the Church was the centre of life in Britain and how this changed during the Reformation and the Emancipation.
Spring 4	World Religions – Sikhism	Students will learn about the religion of Sikhism. They will explore the different beliefs and practices within Sikhism and investigate the belief in Sewa.
Summer 1 & 2	Sacraments of Initiation	In this unit, students will be introduced/re-introduced to the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. They will learn about the Sacraments of Initiation and how each of these sacraments helps a person to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

Year 8 Religious Education

Autumn 1	What is the Kingdom of God?	In Year 8, students begin the year by using their Bible skills to learn about the Gospels and Jesus' parables the Kingdom of God. Students will learn what Christians mean about the Kingdom of God and how we can work for this in our lives today.
Autumn 2	Social Harmony	Using their learning from the previous topic, students will explore Christian teachings about justice and combating prejudice and discrimination. Students will learn about how inspirational people have fought against discrimination and how they can follow this example.
Spring 1	World Religions – Islam	Students will learn about the religion of Islam. They will explore the different beliefs and practices within Islam and investigate the belief.
Spring 4	The Paschal Mystery	Students will learn about the events of Holy Week and how Christians remember these events today.
Summer 1	The Mass	Students will explore the Mass in this topic and gain a deeper understanding of how and why the Mass is celebrated. This will build upon prior learning from the Paschal Mystery and Who is Jesus topic.
Summer 2	Sacraments of Healing	Students will learn about the Sacraments of Healing and how these sacraments can help Christians today. They will explore the concept of forgiveness and its link to the Sacraments of Healing.

Year 9 Religious Education

Autumn 1	Arguments for God	In this topic, students will explore the question of 'is belief in God rational?' They will explore this through the arguments for the existence of God.
Autumn 2	Sacraments of Vocation	Students will learn about vocation in this unit. They will learn about marriage and family life as well as the calling to priesthood and religious.
Spring 1	Jewish Life	In this topic, students will be focusing on answering the question 'how did the Jews maintain their identity in response to the Holocaust?'. Students revisit Judaism and explore Jewish identity before moving on to learn about the Holocaust and how their identity was maintained.
Spring 4	Global Responsibility	Students will explore the issues of climate change and stewardship, poverty and in this topic and learn about the Christian responses to these issues.
Summer 1	GCSE – Judaism: Beliefs	Students will begin their Eduqas GCSE course. Students start by looking at what Jewish people believe about God and then move on to how these beliefs about God have influenced and shaped Jewish beliefs. Students will learn about the covenants between God and His chosen people and how these covenants have impacted Jewish life today.
Summer 2		