

Religious Education Curriculum – Y8

Unit 1: Philosophy of Religion	Unit 2: Study of Judaism	Unit 3: Study of Christianity	Unit 4: Moral Philosophy	Unit 4: Study of Islam	Unit 6: Study of Sikhism
1.1 - Classical Theism	2.1 - Who are the Jews? Orthodox/Reform	3.1 - What does Matthew's Nativity tell us about Jesus?	4.1 - How do we make moral choices? (Absolutism/relativism)	5.1 - How did Islam begin?	1.1 - Who was Guru Nanak?
1.2 - The Cosmological Argument	2.2 - Why is the covenant with Abraham important for Jewish people?	3.2 - What does Luke's Nativity tell us about Jesus?	4.2 - What are ethical theories?	5.2 - Why is Muhammad's life so influential?	1.2 - What did Guru Nanak teach?
1.3 - The Teleological Argument	2.3 - How does the covenant with Moses influence Jewish people today? (Shema)	3.3 - Why does Jesus get baptised?	4.3 - Divine Command: Good is what God says	5.3 - Why is the Qur'an treated with such respect?	1.3 - Why are the 10 Gurus important for Sikhs?
1.4 - The Ontological Argument	2.4 - Why are the 613 Mitzvot so important?	3.4 - Why does Jesus teach in parables?	4.4 - Euthyphro Dilemma	5.4 - What do Muslim's believe about God? (Shahadah/Tawhid)	1.4 - How do Sikh beliefs about the Guru Granth Sahib influence the way Sikhs treat it?
1.5 - Can we rationally prove God? (Evaluating the arguments)	2.5 - What is kosher and why do Jewish people practice it?	3.5 - What do Jesus' miracles tell us about God?	Assessment feedback	5.5 - How do beliefs about the afterlife influence Muslims?	1.5 - What does the Mool Mantra teach about Waheguru?
1.6 - What is evil? (Natural / Moral)	2.6 - Why is the Tanakh important for Jewish people?	3.6 - What did Jesus teach? (Beatitudes)	4.5 - Aristotle: Good is fulfilling our purpose living virtuously	5.6 - How does the design of a Mosque reflect Islamic beliefs?	1.6 - How do Sikh beliefs about life after death influence the way they live?
1.7 - Why is evil a problem for theists?	2.7 - Why is Shabbat so significant?	3.7 - How did Jesus fulfil the Law?	4.6 - Natural Law: Good is fulfilling our God given purpose	5.7 - How do Muslims practice prayer? (Salah)	1.7 - Why is the Gurdwara so important for Sikhs?
1.8 - How do theists respond?: Augustinian Theodicy	2.8 - Is going to the synagogue important for Jewish people today?	3.8 - Why is the Lord's prayer important?	4.7 - Is Absolutism the right way to go?	5.8 - How do Muslims show care for those in need? (Zakah)	1.8 - Why do Sikhs wear the 5ks?
1.9 - How do theists respond?: Irenaean Theodicy	2.9 - How does a Bar/Bat Mitzvah maintain the covenant?	3.9 - Why is the Eucharist so important?	4.8 - Utilitarianism: Good is what is best for the greatest number	5.9 - How does Saum show submission to God?	1.9 - How do Sikhs apply the principle of meeri-peeri?
1.10 - How do theists respond?: Free will defence	2.10 - How are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important festivals?	3.10 - What's good about Good Friday?	4.9 - Is consequentialism best?	5.10 - How does Hajj strengthen faith?	1.10 - What do Sikhs believe about suffering?
1.11 - What does Job's story teach us about evil and suffering?	2.11 - How does Pesach strengthen community?	3.11 - What happened at the Resurrection?	4.10 - Which Ethical approach is the best?		
1.12 - Where is God in the suffering? The suffering God	2.12 - What's significant about the way Jewish people pray?	3.12 - Why is the Ascension so important?			
1.13 - Does the existence of Evil disprove God? (Evaluation)	2.13 - How do Jewish people understand the Messiah?	3.13 - What evidence do we have of the resurrection?			
		3.14 - Could this be the Son of God? (C.S. Lewis: Mad, Bad, God)			