Year 7 – RELIGIOUS STUDIES Programme of Study

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Unit 1: Magic Pool. **Enquiry question: Why are stories important?** **Key content covered:** • Introduction to artefacts • Magic pool story • Designing a container • Religious festivals • Ceremonies	**Unit 2: Buddhism.** **Enquiry question: How do Buddhists respond to suffering?** **Key content covered:** • The story of Prince Siddhartha • The three universal truths • 4 Noble Truths • Ways to overcome suffering, such as meditation. **Milestone Assessment:** Pupils will be given a statement question from Unit 2. They will need to be able to consider arguments for and against and reach a conclusion.	**Unit 3: Islam.** **Enquiry question: What does it mean to be a young British Muslim?** **Key content covered:** • Five pillars of Islam • Why is community important? • Importance of the Mosque • Halal food • Religious clothing • Sacred objects • Significance of Hajj **Milestone Assessment:** Focuses on key terminology, describing what the five pillars of Islam are and why they are important and evaluating a statement question.	**Unit 4: Islam.** **Enquiry question: How have British Muslims responded to challenges to their faith?** **Key content covered:** • Seeking refuge • Challenges and social pressures surrounding the Burkha • Responses to Islamophobia • Negative portrayals within the media	**Unit 5: Judaism.** **Enquiry question: Why are Jews called 'The people of the book?'** **Key content covered:** • Introduction to Jewish belief • What are the important Jewish texts? • Jewish Festivals • The importance of stories and texts on how Jewish festivals are celebrated/marked.	**Unit 6: Introduction to Philosophy.** **Enquiry question: Does God exist?** **Key content covered:** • Examine two different Philosophical arguments for the existence of God • Design argument (William Paley) • First Cause argument (Thomas Aquinas) • Opportunity after the milestone to consider other Philosophical thinkers, such as Feuerbach and Pascal **Milestone Assessment:** Pupils will be given the opportunity to explain each argument and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of each.