

Year 8 – RELIGIOUS STUDIES Programme of Study

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>Unit 1: Creation Enquiry question: How did we get here?</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Bang Theory • Evolution • Genesis creation story • Different interpretations of Genesis • Religious myths <p><u>Milestone Assessment:</u> Pupils will be given questions where they can describe different views, including their own, and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of these arguments.</p>	<p>Unit 2: Sikhism Enquiry question: How does Sikhism respond to inequality?</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachings of Guru Nanak • What are the 5K's? • How was the Khalsa formed? • Guru Granth Sahib • The Gurdwara, Langar and Sewa • All with a focus on how equality is shown through their beliefs. 	<p>Unit 3: Jesus Enquiry question: How does Jesus inspire people?</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who Jesus was • Miracles • Key teachings of Jesus • Sources of Wisdom • Examples of people in the modern day practicing Jesus' teachings <p><u>Milestone Assessment:</u> Pupils will be given questions where they can describe different views, including their own, and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of these arguments.</p>	<p>Unit 4: Anti Racist RE Enquiry question: What does it mean to have an anti racist worldview.</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Racism - Use of language - Case studies - Anti racist Christianity - Anti racist Islam - Anti racist art 	<p>Unit 5: Life after death Enquiry question: What happens when we die?</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heaven, hell and purgatory • Reincarnation • Near death experiences • Paranormal • Examining case studies and different religious beliefs. • Humanist views <p><u>Milestone Assessment:</u> Pupils will be given questions where they can describe different views, including their own, and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of these arguments.</p>	<p>Unit 6: Philosophy and Ethics Enquiry questions: What is reality and truth? How do we make moral decisions?</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons will be focusing on some key philosophical and ethical issues. • Students will consider what we mean by reality and what do we mean by truth. • Do we have the right to take a life? • Examining case studies and encouraging students to debate these questions and provide supporting evidence.