

Year 9 – RELIGIOUS STUDIES Programme of Study

| Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| <p>Unit 1: Christian beliefs (starting the short course GCSE) Looking at Christianity and non religious views.</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will begin their short course RE GCSE curriculum • What is the Trinity and how is it reflected during worship? • Christian beliefs about Creation • Incarnation- what is it and why is it so important for Christians? • Jesus' last days | <p>Unit 1: Christian beliefs (Continued) Looking at Christianity and non religious views.</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvation and atonement • Eschatology (Heaven, hell and purgatory) • Evil and Theodicies (the problem of evil and suffering and possible responses) • Revision and exam technique support <p><u>Milestone Assessment:</u> The assessment is in the style of the exam, with 4 questions to answer, one of which is a detailed evaluation question.</p> | <p>Unit 2: Marriage and the Family Looking at Christianity and non religious views.</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing the short course RE GCSE • Marriage • Sexual relationships • The importance of family • Christian support of the family • Birth control | <p>Unit 2: Marriage and the Family (Continued) Looking at Christianity and non religious views.</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce and remarriage • Gender equality and role of women in the church • Sexism • Revision and exam support • End of the Short Course GCSE content. <p><u>Milestone Assessment:</u> The assessment is in the style of the exam, with 4 questions to answer, one of which is a detailed evaluation question</p> | <p>Unit 3: Medical ethics</p> <p>This unit will provide students with the opportunity to explore some of the big ethical questions surround the use of animals for medical research.</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stem cell research • Tissue engineering • Cloning • Transgenics • Veganism • Religious and non religious views • Animal aid | <p>Unit 4: Philosophical foundations</p> <p>This unit will begin to look at the Philosophy content as part of the NCH certificate in Philosophy as part of the short course</p> <p>Key content covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn of Philosophy- Thales of Miletus • How do I live my life- Socrates • What is real- Plato • How to live well- Aristotle • How do we know- Descartes • Research modern Philosophers |