

OVERVIEW

The Religious Studies AQA Specification A is clear in its guidance, and the LTP and schemes of work are designed to ensure that all content is included. As students begin to study the first topic of Christianity within their first GCSE term, they will gain the knowledge and understanding of both Christian beliefs and practices. Students will be guided to retrieve knowledge acquired from the KS3 Christianity topic and use this knowledge as a solid foundation to build on to aid the learning of higher-level detail and content. After studying the first faith study of two, Y10 students will then begin to study the first of four ethical themes. Theme A, relationships and families presents religious and ethical perspectives towards a range of different issues we face within our lives such as sex before marriage. Students will be required to apply their knowledge gained from studying the Christian beliefs module earlier in the year, to identify Christian attitudes on such topics. In the final term of Y10, students will complete 50% of the course and study the second of four modules, religion, peace and conflict. Again, this presents religious and ethical perspectives towards a range of different issues we face within our lives such as war. Students will be required to apply their knowledge gained from studying the Christian beliefs module earlier in the year to identify Christian attitudes on such topics.

Term 1- Christianity

Topics covered within the Y10 Christianity module:**Beliefs:**

- 1- Key beliefs including the trinity
- 2- Creation
- 3- Incarnation
- 4- Crucifixion
- 5- Resurrection and ascension
- 6- Sin and Salvation

Practices:

- 1- Prayer and worship
- 2- Sacraments and baptism
- 3- Pilgrimage
- 4- Easter
- 5- The Church in the community
- 6- Mission and Church growth

Assessment:

Students in Y10 will continue to be assessed using both formative and summative methods. The Academy wide 'Big Write' programme will assess students' knowledge and understanding and develop students' critical evaluation skills. Students in Y10 will sit a mid- year and end of year mock exam. The 'Big Write' question that students will be asked in the religious beliefs topic is: 'God cannot be loving because people suffer' evaluate.

Term 2- Relationships and Families

Topics covered within the Y10 Relationships and Families module:

- 1- Sexuality
- 2- Sex before and after marriage
- 3- Contraception
- 4- Marriage
- 5- Same sex marriage and cohabitation
- 6- Divorce and re-marriage

- 7- Divorce- ethical arguments
- 8- Nature of families
- 9- Purpose of families
- 10- Contemporary family issues
- 11- Gender discrimination
- 12- Gender equality

Assessment:

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Term 3- Religion, Peace, and Conflict

Topics covered within the Y10 Religion, Peace, and Conflict module:

- 1- Peace and justice
- 2- Forgiveness and reconciliation
- 3- Violence and protests
- 4- Terrorism
- 5- Attitudes to war
- 6- Nuclear weapons

- 7- Just war
- 8- Holy war
- 9- Religious belief and war
- 10- Pacifism
- 11- Pacifist individuals
- 12- Religions role to help victims

Assessment:

Students in Y10 will continue to be assessed using both formative and summative methods. The Academy wide 'Big Write' programme will assess students' knowledge and understanding and develop students' critical evaluation skills. Students in Y10 will sit a mid- year and end of year mock exam. The 'Big Write' question that students will be asked in the peace and conflict topic is: 'It is wrong for any country to have weapons of mass destruction' evaluate.

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

- Y10 RS Knowledge Organiser [Knowledge Organisers \(salfordcity-academy.org\)](https://www.salfordcity-academy.org/knowledge-organisers)
- Seneca Learning [Seneca - Learn 2x Faster \(senecalearning.com\)](https://www.senecalearning.com)
- BBC Bitesize- KS3 Religious Studies [Religious Studies - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/religious-studies)
- BBC Teach Videos [Free primary and secondary school teaching resources - BBC Teach](https://www.bbc.com/teach/religious-studies)
- Oak National Academy- KS3 Religious Studies [Religious Education lessons for Key Stage 3 students - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/religious-education-lessons-for-key-stage-3-students)
- Trips to local religious sites: places of worship, cathedrals, monasteries, museums