



Overview

Year 8 students study both Islam and a Dharmic religion. Exploring Islam ensures that students complete their study of the Abrahamic faiths, deepening their understanding of the core beliefs shared by many people across the world. Studying Hindu Dharma introduces students to a broader range of religious worldviews, encouraging them to consider diverse perspectives on key issues such as morality and life after death. Engaging with a variety of beliefs in this way promotes tolerance, acceptance, and respect within both the local and wider community. This approach also supports the promotion of British values, including the right to freedom of religion and belief without discrimination.

Islam

Topics covered within the Y8 Islam module:

- 1- Pre-Islamic Arabia
- 2- Prophet Muhammad and the Qur'an
- 3- The Hijrah
- 4- The Final Sermon
- 5- Sunni/Shi'a Split
- 6- The Five Pillars

Assessment:

For Islam, questions in the form of “**Describe** two of the Five Pillars of Islam” and “**Explain** two reasons why Prophet Muhammad is important in Islam” will be used in the mid-year checkpoint assessment.

Hindu Dharma

Topics covered within the Y8 Hindu Dharma module:

- 1- Origins of Hindu Dharma
- 2- Dharmic Scripture
- 3- Nature of God(s)
- 4- Creation and Morality
- 5- Morality and Afterlife
- 6- Festivals - Diwali

Assessment:

For Hindu Dharma, questions in the form of “**Describe** the nature of Brahman” and “**Explain** why the cycle of samsara is important in the life of a Hindu” will be used in the end of year assessment.

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

- Seneca Learning
- BBC Bitesize / BBC Teach Videos - KS3 Religious Studies
- Oak National Academy- KS3 Religious Studies