



Overview

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 KS3 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, matters of life and death. This is where students will learn about a range of divergent Christian and non-religious views towards the creation of the universe and humans, as well as contemporary issues such as abortion and euthanasia. The module on **Muslim** beliefs will continue to Y11.

Term 1- Christianity (Beliefs & Practices)

Topics covered within the Y10 Christianity module:

Beliefs:

- History of Christianity
- Key Christian Beliefs (inc. Trinity)
- Creation
- Incarnation
- The Passion
(inc. Last Supper, Crucifixion & Resurrection)
- Original Sin & Salvation
- Eschatological Views
- Problem of Evil
- Theodicies

Practices:

- Worship
- Lord's Prayer
- Sacraments
- Pilgrimage
- Easter
- Christmas
- Local Parish Church
- Worldwide Church & Future
- Mission, Evangelism & Church Growth

Assessment:

Checkpoint Assessment:
Christian Beliefs

Checkpoint Assessment:
Living the Christian Life

Term 2- Relationships and Families

Topics covered within the Y10 Marriage and the Family module:

- Marriage
- Sexual Relationships
- Types of Families
- Roles within the Family
- Family & Local Parish
- Family Planning
- Divorce
- Equality of Men and Women
- Gender Prejudice

Assessment:

Mid-year examination
Christian Beliefs and Living the Christian Life

Checkpoint Assessment:
Marriage and the Family

Term 3- Matters of Life and Death

Topics covered within the Y10 Matters of Life and Death module:

- Value and Origins of the Universe
- Human Origins
- Sanctity of Life
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Issues in the Natural World – the environment
- Issues in the Natural World – animals
- Belief in After Life
- Non-Religious Arguments Against the Existence of Afterlife

Assessment:

Checkpoint Assessment:
Matters of Life and Death

End of year examination:
Full Christianity Exam: Christian Beliefs, Living the Christian Life, Marriage and the Family

Term 3- Muslim Beliefs

Topics covered within the Y10 Muslim Beliefs module:

- History of Islam
- The Six Key Beliefs of (Sunni) Islam
- The Five Roots of (Shi'a) Islam
- The Nature of Allah
- Tawhid (Oneness of Allah)
- Risalah (Prophethood)

Assessment:

Checkpoint Assessment:
Muslim Beliefs

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

- Y10 RS Knowledge Organiser
- Seneca Learning
- Trips to local religious sites: places of worship, cathedrals, monasteries, museums
- BBC Bitesize- KS4 Religious Studies
- Oak National Academy