RE CURRICULUM

There are certain themes which form the basis of RE topics. These themes expand student knowledge and understanding, which then leads to a better appreciation of the impact of faith.

Key themes
- Basic knowledge & Understanding
- Worship
- Moral issue
- Impact of a religious messenger
- Impact of belief
- Religious teaching
- The importance of holy books
- Looking for God
- Analysing and evaluating a contemporary issue

	Topic title	SUMMARY OF KNOWLEDGE ACQUISTION	APPROXIMATE DURATION (Lessons)	Term 1a	Term1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
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Year 7									
1	**Introduction to Religion as a World Wide Phenomenon**	Basic introduction to the study of religion. How is RE assessed? Key specialist words and how to use them. How people respond to 'Does God Exist?' How people demonstrate their belief in God.	8						
2	**Christmas**	Why Christmas is important? The meaning and symbolism of Christingle. Diversity in how Christmas is celebrated around the World. Impact of Christmas.	7						
3	**What it means to be a Sikh?**	How and where Sikhism started and what Sikhs believe. The life and impact of Guru Nanak What is the Khalsa and why is it important? What are the 5 Ks and the symbolism associated with them. What is the Guru Granth Sahib and why is it important? How Sikhs worship and the role of the Gurdwara.	12						
4	**What it means to be a Hindu?**	How and where Hinduism started and what Hindus believe. The Hindu belief in life after death The Hindu belief about God Hindu worship and the Temple The life and impact of Gandhi	12						
Year 8									
1	**What it means to be a Jew?**	How and where Judaism started and what Jews believe. The life and impact of Moses. What are the Mitzvot and how do they impact on the life of a Jew? What happens when a Jew worships God? What is the Sabbath and why is it important? What are the Jewish rules about the consumption of food? What is the Jewish Holy book and why is it important?	15						
2	**What it means to be a Muslim?**	How and where Islam started and what Muslims believe. The life and impact of Muhammad. What are the Five Pillars and how do they impact on the life of a Muslim? What happens when a Muslim worships God? What is Saum and Zakat, and how does it impact on the life of a Muslim? What is Hajj and why is Mekkah important? What is the Muslim Holy book and why is it important?	12						
3	**What is justice and how do some key Christian teachings about justice impact on the life of a believer?**	The life and impact of Jesus. What key teachings did Jesus deliever about justice? Why is there a need for world development? What does the work of Christian Aid entail?	12						

Year 9			
1	**Medical Ethics in relation to Abortion and Euthanasia**	The nature of abortion, including current British legislation. Why abortion is a controversial issue and ethical arguments. How different religions respond to the issue of abortion and the reasons for them. The nature of euthanasia, including current British legislation. Why euthanasia is a controversial issue and ethical arguments. How different religions respond to the issue of euthanasia and the reasons for them.	15
2	**Environmental issues and Animal Rights**	What are the key environmental concerns? The value of the world and the duty of human beings to protect it, How religious teachings about stewardship affect attitudes to the environment. Can animals have rights and how do humans use animals. Should animals be used in experiments or for food? How do religious people respond to animal right issues?	12
3	**Aspects of Philosophy and the problem of evil and suffering**	Does God exist? The argument for design and belief in God The argument for causation and belief in God What is the problem or evil and suffering? Why does the existence of evil and suffering cause religious people problems? How do religious people respond to the problem of evil and suffering?	12
Year 10			
1	**What are the meaning, significance and contrasting beliefs people hold about peace and conflict?**	What is the United Nations (UN) and why it works for world peace? How do religious organisations work for world peace? Why do wars occur? What is the Just War theory? What are the differences among Christians in their attitudes to war? What are the differences among Muslims or Jews in their attitudes to war? What is bullying and how do religious people respond to it? Why do people and religions promote forgiveness and reconciliation?	15
2	**Why is there a need for law and justice and the contrasting religious views people can hold?**	Why do we need law and justice? What is the difference between a sin and a crime? Why do we punish people who break the law? Why is justice important to Christian and Muslims or Jews? What are the different types of punishment? What are the different attitudes toward punishment amongst Christians, Muslims or Jews and non-religious people?	7
3	**What are the different attitudes to the use of drugs and alcohol?**	What is the UK attitudes towards tobacco, alcohol and drugs? How and why do drugs and alcohol cause social and health problems? What are the different attitudes toward drugs and alcohol amongst Christians, Muslims or Jews and non-religious people?	4
Year 11			
There are currently no RE topics taught in Y11			
Year 12			
There are currently no RE topics studied in Y12			
Year 13			
There are currently no RE topics studied in Y12			