

Co-op Academy North Manchester - Year 8 Religious Studies Curriculum

Y8	HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
Topic(s)	Why do people practise religious traditions?	Are you a sheep or a goat?	How do religious views differ on controversial issues?		Revision and end of year assessment	Does religion explain the origins of the human race?
Substantive Knowledge (Know That...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know that Vaisakhi is a spring festival which happens on the 13 or 14 April every year. It was originally a harvest festival in the Punjab until it became Sikhism's most important festival. It remembers the creation of the Khalsa – the Sikh community • To know that Eid Ul Adha is the Islamic festival of sacrifice. It honours the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to God's command. • To know that believers still practise these traditions today because it helps them keep tradition, feel a part of their community, and feel a connection to their past • To know that Kumbh Mela is a Hindu pilgrimage. • To know that Kumbh Mela is celebrated in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know that morality is the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behaviour • To know that the Parable of the Sheep and Goats teaches Christians what judgement will be like. • To know the Parable of the Sheep and Goats gives examples of good actions and bad actions, and these relate generally to helping others. • To know that Muslims believe in seven levels of heaven in Islam, and each level has a different core and construction with a different prophet residing in them. • To know that each of the seven levels of heaven in Islam has a degree or grade according to which each soul is given a place. The righteousness of one's deeds decides the level of heaven where one 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know that to be pro-life means to support every life and so abortion and euthanasia are wrong • To know that to be pro-choice is to believe that it is the choice of the women and that she has the right to choose whether or not to have an abortion • To know the difference between active and passive euthanasia • To know the 3 types of euthanasia and how it is different to suicide • To know Christian attitudes to euthanasia including the differences between turning off life support machines and active euthanasia. • To know what is meant by palliative care and why it is the preferred approach for Christians • To know the Muslim attitudes to Euthanasia and how similar they are to the Christian view • To know what is meant by the sanctity of life • To know when they believe life begins • To know the different denominational views for Christians and Muslims on when life begins • To know the UK laws on abortion • To know why a woman might want/need to have an abortion • To know that there is an alternative to abortion – adoption • To know why some governments, want to ban abortion and how this links to religion • To know varying religious views on contraception. • To know some religious people permit use of contraception for family planning. • To know some religious people prohibit use of contraception as it interferes with God's plan. • To know that both Christians and Muslims have varying viewpoints which may at times disagree with each other, despite being followers of the same 		All from HT1 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know that the Abrahamic faiths believe in a creation story where God is the creator. • Know that the Abrahamic faiths focus on Adam and Eve as the start of humanity. • Know that the Abrahamic have variations in the creation story, but human origin is essentially the same. • Know that the Abrahamic creation story is possible because of the "omni" God • Know that the Abrahamic creation story can be interpreted both literally, and metaphorically, dependent on an individual's faith and viewpoint. • Know that Hinduism has a creation story, which starts with Brahma. • Know that Brahma created Vishnu to sustain the world.

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	<p>cycles at four river bank sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To know that Kumbh Mela is the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth, during which participants bathe or take a dip in a sacred river. ● To know that devotees believe that by bathing in the Ganges one is freed from sins liberating her/him from the cycle of birth and death. ● To know that the pilgrimage sites are significant because Lord Vishnu released drops of immortality nectar in the four locations. ● To know what is meant by a sacrifice. ● To know that there are stories behind the religious tradition of sacrifices, including Eid Ul Adha ● To know that Christians sacrifice during lent and why they do this as Jesus spent 40 days and night in the deserts ● To know that there are many reasons believers would want to give a 	<p>will reside after death.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To know that Hindu's believe in morality and that this links to karma ● To know that Hindu's believe in Samsara, Karma, and Moksha ● To know that this cycle is escapable by doing good deeds ● To know that they can have a belief in the afterlife that varies from others' opinions . ● To know that Christians and Muslims have similar views on the afterlife including Heaven/Jannah and Hell/Jahannam ● To know that Hindus and Muslims have very different views on the afterlife, and what the similarities and differences are 	<p>religion.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Know that Shiva exists to eventually destroy creation. ● Know that the deities involved in Hindu creation are known as the Trimurti. ● Know that a lotus flower grew from Lord Vishnu's navel with Brahma sitting on it. Brahma separated the flower into three parts - the heavens, the Earth and the sky. ● Know that out of loneliness, Brahma split himself into two to create a male and a female. From this male and female all beings were created. ● Know that some Hindu texts offer a more scientific explanation based on the evolution of primary elements from a single source. ● Know that there are scientific theories explaining human origins. ● Know that the Big Bang theory is a widely accepted theory. ● Know that many religious believers accept both their religious creation story, and the Big Bang theory. ● Know that Charles
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	personal sacrifice including pleasing God, and being rewarded in the afterlife				<p>Darwin developed the theory of evolution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know that evolution is a theory that people developed over time from more simple life forms. • Know that evolution causes problems for Christians as God is believed to have created everything 	
Disciplinary Knowledge (Know How...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know how the religious practices of marriage, festivals and sacrifice are significant for religious believers. • To know how the religious significance of the events and practices are compared between religions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know how the afterlife is significant for Hindu's, Muslims and Christians including how they would express their beliefs. • To know how to compare the significance of beliefs in the afterlife between religions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know how to apply the religious views to situations to attempt situation ethics • To know how religious believers interpret beliefs and religious sources of wisdom and this view will vary between denominations and religions. An explanation is given as to why views on beliefs might be different, with justification as to their own views • To know how to evaluate arguments for and against if religious people need to change their views in order to get more people to follow them, when formulating an extended writing piece. 	All from HT1 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how theories of human origins each have their strengths and weaknesses. • Know how theories of human origins and religious stories of creation are sometimes compatible, and other times incompatible. • Know how religious believers may evaluate stories and theories in order to decide what they believe about Human Origins. 	
Key Concepts	Beliefs and practises	Life after death	Ethics	All from HT1 - 4	Beliefs and practises	
Assessment	Why do people practise religious traditions?	Content quiz	Exam questions	End of year exam	Continuum	
Homework	Google quiz	Google quiz	Google quiz	Revision	Google quiz	
Wider reading	<p>Religious Wedding Traditions: https://faithcounts.com/saying-i-do-a-look-at-different-religious-wedding-traditions</p>	Saints and misfits – S.K. Ali	Blind Faith - Ellen Wittlinger	How Religion Motivates People to Give and Serve https://theconversation.com/how-religion-motivates-people-to-give-and-se	<p>Top Revision Tips: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk</p>	Noughts and Crosses (Trilogy) – Malorie Blackman

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How to help at home	Discuss with your child what they have been covering in lessons. Encourage them to explore their own beliefs and knowledge. BBC Bitesize has some excellent resources to help support you and your child. KS3 Religious Studies - BBC Bitesize					