

Faculty: Humanities

Subject Area: Religious Studies



1

## Crime and Punishment

- Crime and punishment and reasons for crime
- Attitudes to lawbreakers and different types of crime
- Christian attitudes to suffering and causing others suffering
- Three aims of Punishment
- Christian attitudes to forgiveness
- Christian attitudes to the death penalty

2

## Christian Beliefs

- The nature of God
- The oneness of God and the Trinity
- Different Christian beliefs about creation
- The Incarnation of Jesus, the Son of God
- The Crucifixion
- The resurrection and ascension
- Life after death
- Judgement and Heaven and Hell
- Sin and Salvation
- The role of Christ in Salvation

3

## Peace and Conflict

- Introduction to religion, peace and conflict
- Violent protest and Terrorism
- Reasons for War
- Nuclear war and WMD
- The Just War Theory
- Holy war
- Pacifism and Peace-making
- Christian responses to victims of war



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### Islam Beliefs

- The oneness of God and the supremacy of God's will
- Key beliefs in Sunni and Shia Islam
- The nature of God
- Angels
- Predestination
- Life after death
- Prophethood and Adam
- Ibrahim
- Muhammad and the Imamate
- The Holy books in Islam

3

### Relationships and Families

- Christian teachings about human sexuality
- Sexual relationships before and outside marriage
- Contraception and family planning
- Christian teachings about marriage
- Divorce and remarriage
- Religious teaching about the nature of families
- Religious teachings about the purpose of families
- Religious attitudes to gender equality

4

### Religion and Life

- The origins of the universe
- The value of the world
- The use and abuse of the environment
- Pollution
- The use and abuse of animals
- The origins of human life
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Death & the Afterlife

# YEAR 11 – RELIGIOUS STUDIES



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## Christian Practices

- Worship
- Prayer
- The Sacraments- baptism
- The sacraments - Holy Communion
- Pilgrimage
- Festivals - Christmas /Easter

2

## Christian Practices

- The role of the church in the local community - street pastors/ food banks
- The place of mission and evangelism
- Church growth
- The importance of the worldwide church
- Christian persecution
- The church's response to world poverty

3

## Islam Practices

- The 5 pillars, the 10 Obligatory Acts and the Shahadah
- Salah: the daily prayers
- Sawm: fasting during Ramadan
- Zakah: Almsgiving

4

## Islam Practices

- Hajj: pilgrimage
- Jihad
- The festivals of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha
- The festival of Ashura

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## Revision

- Remaining time will be for revision and revisiting topics to prepare for the examination

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## Examination

GCSE exams include questions that allow students to demonstrate their ability to: draw together their knowledge, understanding and skills from across the full course of study as well as provide extended responses.



1

**Ancient Philosophical Influences**

- ancient philosophical influences
- the nature of the soul, mind and body
- arguments about the existence or non-existence of God
- the nature and impact of religious experience
- the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil
- ideas about the nature of God
- issues in religious language.

2

**Religion and ethics**

- normative ethical theories
- the application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance
- ethical language and thought
- debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience
- sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs

3

**Development in religious thought (Christianity)**

- religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world
- sources of religious wisdom and authority
- practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition
- significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought
- key themes related to the relationship between religion and society

