



## Co-op Academy Walkden Religious Studies Curriculum Overview 2021-22

### Key Stage 3

Year Group		INTRODUCTION TOPIC 5 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks
7	<b>Key Question: This thing called religion... what is it all about?</b>				
	<b>Core Theme</b>	<b>WORLD RELIGIONS TIMELINE</b>	<b>IDENTITY &amp; COMMITMENT</b>	<b>BELIEF ABOUT GOD</b>	<b>INDIAN SUBCONTINENT RELIGIONS</b>
	<b>Unit of Work</b>	What do I know about the history of religion?	<b>What does it mean to live as a Christian?</b> How do they live by the 10 commandments? How do Jews and Muslims put their faith into action?  Christian identity - Baptism/ Christening Jewish identity - Bar/Bat Mitzvah Muslim identity - Hajj - Pilgrimage	<b>Who or what is God?</b> What are the arguments for and against the existence of God? Cosmological/Kalam Teleological Islamic beliefs about God. Religious Experiences - What is a Miracle?	<b>What are the key beliefs in Hinduism, Buddhism &amp; Sikhism?</b> Religions across India (Indus Valley Himalayas and The Punjab)  Hindu worship - Puja Buddhist worship - Meditation Sikh worship - Akhand path
8	<b>Key Question: How do religious beliefs influence individuals' philosophical and ethical choices?</b>				
	<b>Core Theme</b>	<b>NON-RELIGIOUS BELIEFS</b>	<b>LIFE AFTER DEATH</b>	<b>RELIGION &amp; SPIRITUALITY **</b>	<b>CRIME &amp; PUNISHMENT</b>
	<b>Unit of Work</b>	What is a Humanist?  Richard Dawkins Secular Worldview	<b>What happens to us when we die?</b> What do people believe about religious experiences? <b>Christian Theology about life after death</b> Heaven / Hell / Purgatory	<b>What is spirituality?</b> How can we express our spirituality through the arts?  How do Christians picture Jesus?	<b>What are the aims and types of punishment?</b> Reform Protection Deterrence



			Resurrection Hindu beliefs about life after death Reincarnation Karma Samsara  <b>Secular Worldviews</b> Atheist Humanist Free Thinkers	Christian Art - Interpretations of the birth of Jesus.  How are beliefs represented in Islam? Calligraphy Mosaics Islamic Architecture  <b>Homework Project</b> NATRE - Spirited Arts project	Retribution What is the Christian belief about forgiveness? Case Study - Anthony Walker  What is the Christian belief about punishment and the 'death penalty'? Arguments For/Against Case studies

**Key Question: How do religious believers respond to ethical issues?**

9	<b>Core Theme</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHERS</b>	<b>INSPIRATIONAL RELIGIOUS INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>EXPLORING THE HOLOCAUST</b>	<b>MEDICAL ETHICS</b>
	<b>Unit of Work</b>	<b>Who or What is a philosopher?</b>  Ancient Greece Socrates Plato Aristotle	<b>What have these inspirational religious individuals done to stand up for human rights and injustice?</b>  Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, Desmond Doss & Malala  Inspirational religious celebrities/sports personalities	<b>What is Prejudice, Discrimination and Stereotyping?</b>  Why did Hitler hate the Jews? What can we learn from the Holocaust? Mosaic of Victims Survivor stories (Anne Frank Trust) Elie Wiesel	<b>Should religion play a part in medical ethics?</b>  <b>When does life begin?</b> When should life end? Abortion IVF Cloning Euthanasia The law and assisted dying



## Co-op Academy Walkden GCSE Religious Studies Curriculum Overview 2021-22

### Key Stage 4

Year Group		AU1	AU2	SP1	SP2	SU1	SU2
10	<b>Core Theme</b>	<b>Paper 1 Issues in Relationships</b>	<b>Paper 2 Christian Beliefs</b>	<b>Paper 1 Issues in Human Rights</b>	<b>Paper 2 Christian Beliefs</b>	<b>Paper 1 Issues of Life and Death*</b>	<b>Paper 2 Christian Practices</b>
	<b>Unit of Work</b>	What is the Christian purpose of Marriage in the 21st Century?  Relationships  Sexual Relationships  Issues of equality: gender prejudice and discrimination	What do Christians believe about the Nature of God?  Omnipotent  Omniscience  Omnibenevolent  Trinity	What do Christians teach about the dignity of human life?  Human Rights and Social Justice  Prejudice and Discrimination  Issues of Wealth and Poverty	What do Christians believe about Jesus?  Incarnation  Atonement  Resurrection  Salvation	What are Christians and non-religious beliefs about the nature of life and death and the origins and value of the universe and human life?  Sanctity of life  Quality of life  Afterlife	How and why do Christians worship?  Forms of Worship  Sacraments  Pilgrimage and Celebration Christianity in Britain and the Church in the Local Community The Worldwide Church  Summer project - Taizé Walsingham



	<b>Core Theme</b>	<b>Paper 3 Islamic Beliefs</b>	<b>Paper 3 Islamic Practices</b>	<b>Paper 2 Issues of Good &amp; Evil</b>	<b>Paper 3 Islamic Beliefs &amp; Practices</b>	<b>Revision Activities</b>	<b>Exams</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Unit of Work</b>	What are the key beliefs about God?  The Nature of God  Tawhid  Prophethood - Rishalah  Angels - Malaika  Sunni & Shia	What is the origin, meaning and celebration of the following festivals among different Muslim communities in Britain?  Id-ul Fitr Id-ul Adhr	What is good? What is evil?  Crime and punishment  Forgiveness  Good, Evil and Suffering	What are Islamic beliefs about life on earth and the afterlife? Al Qadr - predestination  What are the main features of the Mosque?  Islamic rituals	Paper 1: Issues  Paper 2: Christianity  Paper 3: Islam	

\*= Awareness of non-religious perspectives will be assessed in Theme 2: Question (d) Life and Death.