

Year 8 – Religion and Worldviews

Curriculum intent	In Year 8, the Religion & Worldviews curriculum is designed to build on the foundation of knowledge of the six main world religions. Students will focus on Islam and Christianity in depth and develop a robust understanding of what it means to be a Christian or Muslim in modern Britain. These two religions, plus Humanism, reflect the spiritual culture of Tameside. The curriculum draws on the themes of the locally agreed syllabus to examine the benefits and challenges of faith in society. In the Summer term, students will use their understanding of religion to approach the question of punishment, examining both religious and non-religious views on the nature of punishment in society.					
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Knowledge	Is it hard to be a Muslim? - Who was Muhammad? - Sunni vs Shi'a Islam. - Sources of Authority (Qur'an) - Islam in the home.	Is it hard to be a Muslim? - Is worship difficult? - Is Hajj difficult? - Is Ramadan difficult? - Is Zakah difficult? - Challenges to modern British Muslims.	Why is Christianity so popular? - Nature of Christianity - What are the denominations? - Heaven - Christmas - The Bible	Why is Christianity so popular? - Evangelism - Holy Trinity - Miracles - Parable of the Good Samaritan - Jesus	Is punishment a religious idea? - Reasons for punishment - Nature of Capital punishment - Religious attitudes to second chances - Stan Tookie Williams	Is punishment a religious idea? - Non-religious attitudes. - Religious attitudes. - Amnesty International.
Skills	- Critical thinking - Analysis & evaluation - Development of local national and global citizenship. - Extended writing	- Critical thinking - Analysis & evaluation - Development of local national and global citizenship. - Extended writing	- Critical thinking - Analysis & evaluation - Development of local national and global citizenship. - Extended writing	- Critical thinking - Analysis & evaluation - Development of local national and global citizenship. - Extended writing	- Critical thinking - Analysis & evaluation - Development of local national and global citizenship. - Extended writing	- Critical thinking - Analysis & evaluation - Development of local national and global citizenship. - Extended writing
Assessments	MRT – Quiz of knowledge so far. MAT – 'Are Sources of Authority still relevant in our society?' Written assessment.	MRT – Quiz of knowledge so far. MAT – 'There are more benefits to being a Muslim than there are	MRT – Quiz of knowledge so far. MAT – 'Is Christmas is the only reason Christianity is popular?' Written assessment.	MRT – Quiz of knowledge so far. MAT – 'Christianity is so popular because of Jesus.' Written assessment.	MRT – Quiz of knowledge so far. MAT – 'Should criminals ever be given a second chance?' Written assessment.	MRT – Quiz of knowledge so far. MAT – 'The UK should bring back capital punishment.' Written assessment.

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Curiosity	Books: The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained (DK) ISBN-10: 1409324915 Places of Interest: Find out where there is a Mosque near you. Film & Documentaries: Being ... Muslim (BBC iPlayer)	Books: The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained (DK) ISBN-10: 1409324915 Places of Interest: Find out where there is a Mosque near you. Film & Documentaries: Being ... Muslim (BBC iPlayer)	Books: The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained (DK) ISBN-10: 1409324915 Places of Interest: Visit a local church or Manchester Cathedral, Victoria St, Manchester M3 1SX Film & Documentaries: Being ... Christian (BBC iPlayer)	Books: The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained (DK) ISBN-10: 1409324915 Places of Interest: Visit a local church or Manchester Cathedral, Victoria St, Manchester M3 1SX Film & Documentaries: Being ... Christian (BBC iPlayer)	Books: The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained (DK) ISBN-10: 1409324915 Places of Interest: Greater Manchester Police Museum, 57A Newton St, Manchester M1 1ET Film & Documentaries: Life & Death Row (BBC iPlayer)	Books: The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained (DK) ISBN-10: 1409324915 Places of Interest: Greater Manchester Police Museum, 57A Newton St, Manchester M1 1ET Film & Documentaries: Life & Death Row (BBC iPlayer)