

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

'My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.' The Dalai Lama

Dalai Lama

Year 10

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Curriculum Knowledge	Component 1 Relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families & Marriage Sexual Relationships Gender Equality 	Component 1 Good & Evil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crime and Punishment Forgiveness Good, Evil and Suffering 	Component 1 Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Justice Prejudice and Discrimination Poverty and Wealth 	Component 1 Life and Death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The world Origin and value of life Beliefs about death and afterlife 	Component 2 Christian Beliefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of God Jesus Christ Salvation Creation Afterlife 	Component 2 Christian Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forms of Worship Sacraments Pilgrimage & Celebrations
Tier 3 Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> adultery divorce cohabitation commitment contraception annulment precept authority Catholic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> forgiveness justice relative/absolute morality sin conscience virtues retribution deterrence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensorship extremism personal conviction relative/absolute poverty social justice agape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> afterlife environmental sustainability evolution quality of life sanctity of life soul dominion stewardship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> omnipotent omnibenevolent Trinity incarnation atonement resurrection evangelism ascension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> liturgical sacraments baptism eucharist pilgrimage mission ecumenical reconciliation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anglican 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● reformation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● global citizenship ● speciesism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● revelation ● salvation ● grace ● spirit ● eschatological 	
Subject Skills	As with many subjects, RS promotes personal development skills that are useful beyond GCSE. Being able to express an opinion, listen to others and form logical arguments are transferable skills. RS is particularly helpful in developing critical thinking, reasoning, written and verbal communication, using evidence and evaluating arguments and beliefs.					
How can you help your child engage with the content?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Watch Vicar of Dibley ● Talk about the changing nature of family life and how the family structure has changed over time, how does this compare with your own family? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss related events in the news e.g. BLM, wealth disparity ● Watch The Murder of Stephen Lawrence on ITV ● Pick a Louis Theroux documentary to watch and talk about ● Attend a Christmas service or make a Christingle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Watch Crash Course Philosophy on Youtube – Problem of Evil ● Talk about any big trials in the news ● Choose a documentary to watch from the Life and Death Row series on BBC Iplayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss own beliefs about life and death ● Discuss related events in the news e.g. the abortion debate in the US ● Attend an Easter service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Listen to clips from BBC Radio 4 Beyond Belief ● There are lots of good TED Talks available on matters related to faith and belief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attend a Christian church service ● Watch some episodes of Father Ted or Rev
Curriculum Opportunities						Visit to a local church
Career Links	GCSE RS is a good subject to consider if you are thinking of any career which requires working with other people, especially when it involves differences of opinion. For example, law, medicine, social work, public services and education.					

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Tier 3 vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● enlightenment ● renunciation ● meditation ● pratityasamut pada ● dukkha ● anicca ● anatta ● nirvana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Theravada ● Mahayana ● Buddha-nature ● Arhat ideals ● Bodhisattva Ideals ● Manjushri ● Buddhahood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Triratna ● malas ● mantras ● puja ● mudras ● almsgiving ● Wesak ● kathina ● Vassa 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • samsara • Metta • Dukkha • Kamma • Magga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure Land • karma • rebirth • compassion (karuna) • loving • kindness (metta) • paramitas • Dana • Samantha • Vipassana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chanting • Vihara 			
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How can you help your child engage with the content?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch Dalai Lama: Scientist or Never Forget Tibet, both about the Dalai Lama's journey from childhood to spiritual leader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit a Buddhist temple either online or in person • Try some meditation, maybe using the Headspace series on Netflix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make some food that would be traditionally eaten during Buddhist celebrations 			
Curriculum Opportunities	Buddhist temple visit					

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