



Subject: Religious Education

Curriculum Intent Statement

To ensure that the students of SMHS have a contextual knowledge of Religion, following SACRE guidance focusing on the teaching of other faiths – e.g., Christianity, Judaism, Islam and secular worldviews. Within these a strong focus on key religious beliefs, practices, ways of life and identity and diversity. During Year 10, students study the AQA Religious Studies short course and they take the exam at the end of Year 10.

Key Stage 3

Year 7

Term	Curriculum coverage
Autumn term 1	Religious festivals – why do we have religious festivals? What do religious festivals have in common? Ramadan and Eid
Autumn term 2	Religious festivals – Lent and Ash Wednesday, Wesak and Buddhism, Hanukkah
Spring term 1	Christianity – Christian denominations, The Trinity
Spring term 2	Christianity – The Ten Commandments, Who was Jesus?, Easter
Summer term 1	World religions – Tradition, belief and fact
Summer term 2	World religions – Belief in God, Religious pilgrimages, Places of worship

Year 8

Term	Curriculum coverage
Autumn term 1	Islam – The Quran, the five pillars
Autumn term 2	Islam – Hajj, Islam and dress, Abrahamic religions
Spring term 1	Peace and Conflict – Peace and conflict in Islam, Peace and conflict in Christianity, Crusades
Spring term 2	Peace and Conflict – Anti-Semitism, Religious leaders and conflict
Summer term 1	Religion and the afterlife – Heaven and hell, Islamic and Christian views on death
Summer term 2	Religion and the afterlife – Life after death, Reincarnation, What is the soul?



Year 9

Term	Curriculum coverage
Autumn term 1	Judaism – The Torah, Abraham and Isaac, Jerusalem
Autumn term 2	Judaism – Israel and Palestine, Breaking stereotypes
Spring term 1	Ethics and Science – Abortion, Genetic engineering, Death penalty
Spring term 2	Ethics and Science – Drugs and ethics, Euthanasia, Religion and science
Summer term 1	Human Rights – Religion and animal rights, Religion and community
Summer term 2	Human Rights – Religion and freedom of expression, Religion and gender, Religion and social justice

Key Stage 4

Year 10

Term	Curriculum coverage
Autumn term 1	Islam
Autumn term 2	Islam
Spring term 1	Christianity
Spring term 2	Christianity
Summer term 1	Ethics

Key resources:

[AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam Revision Guide: With all you need to know for your 2022 assessments \(GCSE Religious Studies for AQA\):](#)
[Amazon.co.uk: Fleming, Marianne, Power, Harriet, Smith, Peter: 9780198422839: Books](#)