



BENSHAM MANOR School

KS3 RE Curriculum Map 2025-2026

	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
	How are beliefs expressed?	Who has made a difference in the world?	How do our worldviews shape our identity?
Autumn Term 1	Introduction to Religion What is meant by religion? What are the 6 major world religions? What is the meaning of religious symbols? How is God defined? God of Classical Theism. What does it mean to believe/doubt? Atheism, Theism, Agnosticism. What are my beliefs and how do these compare to others?	What makes a Hindu? What are the origins of Hinduism? Indus Valley, Harappan civilization. What do Hindus believe about God? Polytheism and Monotheism. How do Hindus worship? Puja, the mandir. What do Hindus believe about reincarnation and life after death? How do my beliefs compare to Hindu beliefs?	Philosophy of Religion What do I believe? What is the difference between belief and scepticism? Atheism, Theism, Agnosticism. What is the difference between the physical and metaphysical? What is natural theology? Creationism. What is Scientific Cosmogony? The Big Bang. What are complex natural and man-made processes? How might these lead to belief in God? What are the miracles of Jesus? To what extent are modern miracles a credible phenomena?

Autumn Term 2	What role does religion play in the community? What are British values? What does it mean to be part of a multicultural, multi-faith community? How does religion unite communities? E.g. Festivals, local events.	What can we learn from Hinduism? What are the sacred texts in Hinduism? Vedas, Ramayana. How is the festival of Diwali celebrated? What do Hindus believe about ethical environmental issues? Vegetarianism, Ahimsa. What happened in the life of Mahatma Gandhi? To what extent was he influenced by his Hindu beliefs and values? Trip: Hindu temple Thornton Heath Shree Sakthi Ghanapathy Temple	Why do we remember? How do people remember the dead? What happens in a Muslim funeral ceremony and why? Why do religious people remember key figures? E.g. the Buddha, Guru Nanak. Why are memorials important? What are the notable memorials in London? Who do they commemorate and why? E.g. Whitehall, Parliament Square, Holocaust Memorials. How do memorials/legacies inspire? HMD survivor testimony, Anne Frank, poetry. Cross-curricular opportunity for HMD IWM visit?
Spring Term 1	What is the influence of the Prophet Abraham today? What are the main events in the life of Abraham? What is monotheism? What are the connections between the Abrahamic religions?	What happened in the life of the Buddha and how can we learn from the teachings of Buddhism? What are the origins of Buddhism? What are the key events in the life of the Buddha? Birth, Four Sights, Asceticism, Enlightenment. What do Buddhists believe? The Four Noble Truths. How do Buddhist beliefs compare with Hindu beliefs?	Is it wrong to be rich? What is meant by wealth and poverty? What does the Bible teach about wealth? What does the Qur'an teach about wealth? How do Muslims apply this to their daily life? Zakah, Sadaqah. How do Christian charities help those in need? Christian Aid and CAFOD. To what extent is it wrong to be rich?

Spring Term 2	What are the key beliefs and practices in Judaism? What are the different types of Judaism? E.g. Orthodox, Reform, Cultural Judaism. What are the main features of the synagogue? What are Jewish traditional artefacts and how are these used for worship? E.g. Torah, Ner Tamid. Trip: Synagogue visit.	How is Buddhism practised? How do monks live? Monasticism and the Sangha. What is pacifism? Dharma, Ahimsa. To what extent is pacifism inaction? Trip: Shaolin Temple UK	Christian Belief and Practice As foundational for GCSE/Pathways What do Christians believe about God? Characteristics of the God of Classical Theism, the Trinity, Creator, Preserver, Judge. What are Christian denominations and how do they differ? E.g. Roman Catholic, Church of England, Pentecostal. What are the key events in the life of Jesus? Immaculate conception, Lent and the temptations, crucifixion, resurrection. How is Easter celebrated around the world? Trip: Walking tour of two denominations
Summer Term 1	What are the key beliefs and practices in Christianity? What are the divergent beliefs within Christianity? Denominations. What are the key Christian beliefs about God? The Trinity, Monotheism, The God of Classical Theism.. What are the key events in the life of Jesus? E.g. Birth, Parables, Miracles, Crucifixion, Resurrection.	What makes an inspiring leader? What are the origins of Sikhism? The Punjab, 16th century. How do Sikh beliefs compare with Hindu beliefs? Ik Onkar, Monotheism. What are the key events in the life of Guru Nanak? Hindu society, religious experience. To what extent was Guru Nanak an inspiring leader? What do Sikhs use during worship?	Muslim Belief and Practice As foundational for GCSE/Pathways. What do Muslims believe? Six beliefs. Exploration of the main sources of authority in Islam - Qur'an, Sunnah, Hadith. Who was the Prophet Muhammad What is meant by Sunni/Shia Islam? What are the daily practices in Islam? What happens on the Hajj? Eid-ul-Adha festivities.

	What are the key features of a traditional cruciform church? E.g. Nave, font, altar.	What is in the gurdwara and why? Guru Granth Sahib.	
Summer Term 2	What are the key beliefs and practices in Islam? What are the divergent beliefs within Islam? Sunni/Shia. What are the key beliefs about Allah and Muhammad What are the key events in the Life of Muhammad What are the five pillars of Islam?	How are the dharmic religions interlinked? What are the 5 K's and why are they important? Why is Vaisakhi celebrated? Khalsa. What do Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist beliefs have in common? What divides them? How do the dharmic religions co-exist in London and India?	How do people respond to environmental issues? What are environmental issues? What are ethical and religious attitudes towards the environment? E.g. Jainism, Vegetarianism, Ahimsa. What is stewardship? How is this embodied? Khalifahs in Islam. What is meant by anthropocentrism? To what extent are humans dominating the natural world? Climate change, pollution, carnivorous diets. Department collaboration with Geography/Knowledge of the World