

Year 8 - Religious Studies

What will be studied?
Topic(s)
<p>Topic One: Evil and Suffering. How do religious believers - and non believers - respond to the problems caused by the existence of suffering. What are the differences between human and natural cause?</p> <p>Topic Two: What do religious believe about Justice? A case study is undertaken of 2 figures who have worked to promote justice, putting their faith into action.</p> <p>Topic 3: Rites of Passage. How do religious believers mark key moments in life? Baptism in Christianity, Bar/Bat Mitzvah in Judaism, Marriage in Hinduism and the Muslim funeral.</p> <p>Topic 4: Spiritual Journey. How do believers in Judaism, Islam, Sikhism and Christianity practice pilgrimage? Jerusalem, Makkah, Amritsar, Lourdes</p> <p>Topic 5: Religion and identity. What do we mean by Spirituality? How do believers of all traditions show their commitment to their faith community - clothing, food, practice</p>
How do you assess the learning?
Roughly half-termly. Students will be required to respond to one, two and four mark questions on each topic. Teachers will mark assessments and provide feedback that students will respond to.

End of Year Examination
How will I be assessed at the end of the year?
Students will write an internal exam. They will be required to answer one, two, and four mark questions. The examination will last for 50 minutes.

How can I help my child?
Guidance and advice
<p>Topic One and Two: Sensitively discuss news stories that relate to these topics.</p> <p>Topic Three: Share family memories, photos as appropriate.</p> <p>Topic Four: If this is part of your tradition, share your own thoughts and experiences</p> <p>Topic Five: Discuss and highlight the things that your family practise. Highlight festivals etc.</p>