

## Year 7 - Religious Studies

### What will be studied?

#### Topic(s)

**Topic One:** What do people mean by 'God'? Monotheism, Polytheism, Syncretism. The qualities of God: Omnipotence, Omniscience, Benevolence, Transcendence, Immanence.

**Topic Two:** Abrahamic religions - what are the core beliefs of Judaism, Islam and Christianity. What are their similarities and differences?

**Topic Three:** Dharmic religions. How is the dharmic view of the divine different to the Abrahamic religions? What are the key beliefs of Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism?

**Topic Four:** How are major festivals celebrated in different religious traditions?

**Topic Five:** Living the Religious life. How do believers in Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Hinduism, Judaism and Buddhism put their beliefs into practice in their daily lives?

#### How do you assess the learning?

Students will have a short in class assessment roughly every half term. Students will be required to respond to one, two and four mark questions on each topic as getting used to GCSE format Feedback will be given to identify gaps in learning and skills

### End of Year Examination

#### How will I be assessed at the end of the year?

Students will be examined in line with the whole school assessment calendar at advertised points in the year

### How can I help my child?

#### Guidance and advice

Where students are from a faith community, developing their knowledge and understanding of their own tradition is a great help.

The biggest skill set you can develop is in quality spoken and written English. Expose your child to as much of this as possible. When appropriate discuss e.g. news stories with your child to develop skills of debate and presenting ideas.

There is a wealth of material online to support acquisition of factual knowledge. <https://www.reonline.org.uk/> is a great resource for all things Christian. BBC Bitesize is also an invaluable tool at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt>