



What will you learn?

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 will you be assessed?

Overall assessment

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 assessment

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

Which resources should you use?

Books, websites, online resources, trips and visits

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>

What independent work can you do?

Books, websites, online resources

Use the VIP Zone, there you will find:

- An 'Independent Learning' folder full of resources and ideas to support your learning
- PLCs [Personal Learning Checks] - use these to rate your understanding of each topic and to recap and stretch your knowledge and skills.

Start revising. Try some of these to improve your understanding of each lesson and to help you prepare for assessments.

- **Summarise your notes:** Identify the key ideas and essential details. This technique improves understanding and retention by making information clearer and more manageable.
- **Flashcards:** Write key information on cards, don't forget to include an example
- **Mind maps:** Visually organize information by creating diagrams that connect ideas. This helps you see the relationships between topics.
- **Mnemonics:** Use songs, rhymes, or acronyms to help remember facts and figures.
- **Recording and replaying:** Record yourself reading notes and listen back to them.
- **Sticky notes:** Write / draw a key point on each note and place them around your house to help with memorisation.

Watch this: BBC Bitesize [The Best Memory Hacks to Help Your Revision](#)