

Robert Smyth Academy Curriculum Map

Religious Studies

KEY
STAGE 3

Y7

AUTUMN

What is faith?

This unit will explore the six world faiths, their key beliefs, leaders, ceremonies, and sources of wisdom, alongside a non-religious viewpoint.

SPRING

Does religion divide or unite?

This unit will explore key events, divisions, and practices within religions, including the Sunni–Shi'a split, Vaisakhi, the Crusades, and Just War theories, alongside differences within Christian denominations.

SUMMER

Why did Jesus die?

This unit will explore who Jesus was, why some people saw Jesus as a radical figure, who may have been responsible for the death of Jesus, and the sources of wisdom related to the crucifixion.

Y8

What is the meaning of life?

This unit will explore different explanations for the origins of life, comparing religious and scientific views while examining beliefs about the value and sanctity of life.

What is Good and Evil?

This unit will explore different types of suffering, religious and non-religious explanations for its existence, and how believers and non-believers respond to it.

What happens when we die?

This unit will explore beliefs about the soul and life after death, comparing religious teachings, sources of authority, non-religious views, and arguments for and against an afterlife.

Y9

Can we prove God's existence?

This unit will explore arguments about the existence of God, including key philosophical ideas, as well as the meaning of religious experiences, miracles, and explanations for religion from psychology and sociology.

Where do we get our morals from?

This unit will explore religious and non-religious sources of morality, including key teachings, laws, and examples of how people decide what is right and wrong.

What is the future of faith?

This unit will explore the meaning of secular views and secularisation, and how these ideas can be applied to real-world issues.

KEY
STAGE 4

Y10

AUTUMN

Islam: Beliefs Living the Muslim life

This unit will explore Islamic beliefs from Sunni and Shia perspectives, including beliefs about Allah, key prophets, and what happens after death.

SPRING

Christianity: Beliefs Living the Christian life

This unit will explore Christian beliefs about God, Jesus, the Church, and how different denominations understand evil, suffering, and their responses to it.

SUMMER

Marriage and the Family

This unit will explore Christian ethical beliefs on issues such as marriage, the origins of life and equality.

Y11

Crime and Punishment

This unit will explore Islamic teachings on crime, punishment, and the role of Shari'ah law.

Peace and Conflict

This unit will explore Islamic teachings on peace and conflict, including views on holy war and justice.

Matters of Life and Death

This unit will explore Christian ethical beliefs on issues such as the afterlife, and the right to die.

KEY
STAGE 5

Y12

AUTUMN

The Place of Humans Origins of the Universe Use and Abuse of Animals Use and Abuse of Nature

The Purpose of Life Sacrifice and Remembrance Mono- and Poly-theistic Beliefs Abortion

SPRING

Evil and Consequences Crime and Punishment Ant-Semitism and the Holocaust

Devotion and Celebration Religious Festivals – Ramadan & Easter

SUMMER

What Next? Death and the Afterlife

Religious Perspectives Celebrating Diversity Faith Forum – 6 Perspectives

Y13

Religion and Worth Charity The Teaching of Wealth Giving Money to the Poor Christianity and Punishment

Religion and Life Relationships and Religion Religious Freedoms

Religion and Morality The Exploitation of the Poor Religious Values Religious Festivals

Religion and Society Religion and Human Rights Religion and Social Injustice

Religion and World Issues Should we go to war?