**Year 9 Religious Studies**

|  | **Topic** | **Key concept** | **What knowledge will they acquire?** |
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| **HALF TERM 1** | **Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment** | * Contrasting ideas about the treatment of criminals in society today * Concepts of sin, good, evil and law * Attitudes towards different types of crime and how victims should be helped * Christian and non-religious views on different forms of punishment * The concept of forgiveness and the application of this to criminals | * Ideas about the law and good/evil * Common causes of crime * Types of crime * Aims of punishment * Types of punishment * Forgiveness * Specific content: * Good, evil, sin and the law * Types of crime * Causes of crime * Victims of crime * Aims of punishment * Community service * Prison * The death penalty * Corporal punishment * Forgiveness |
| **HALF TERM 2 Part 1** |
| **HALF TERM 2 Part 2** | **Theme A: Relationships and Families** | * Contrasting attitudes towards sex, relationships, family * Religious and non-religious points of view regarding appropriate and inappropriate relationship * Ethical issues surrounding sex, marriage, family and gender | * Changes in attitudes towards sex and relationships in the UK * Different Christian and non-religious perspectives on sex, marriage, divorce, contraception, homosexuality * Family and gender roles * Specific content: * How family life has changed * Sex * Marriage and weddings * Divorce and remarriage * Contraception * Homosexuality * Family * Gender |
| **HALF TERM 3** |
| **HALF TERM 4** | **Theme B: Religion and Life** | * Different religious and non-religious perspectives on the value and treatment of animal and human life * Different views on the value and treatment of the environment * Applying these views to practical situations * Views about the origin of life and life after death | * Scientific and religious ideas about how the universe and life began * Environmental issues and how these can/should be tackled including religious perspectives * The treatment of animals, including eating meat and animal experimentation * The value and treatment of human life – abortion and euthanasia * Specific content: * Origin of universe * Origin of life * Environment * Value of human life * Abortion * Euthanasia * Life after death |
| **HALF TERM 5 Part 1** |
| **HALF TERM 5 Part 2** | **Theme C: Existence of God and Revelation** | * Philosophical ideas about the nature of God * Religious argument to prove God’s existence * Humanist arguments against God’s existence * How God makes himself known to people, and how reliable this is | * What God is like according to Christians and objections to the divine attributes * Arguments of God’s existence, and objections * Argument against God’s existence, and objections * Special and general revelation, and objections * Specific content: * Nature of God * Philosophy and science * First cause argument * Design argument * Argument from miracles * Visions * Enlightenment * General revelation * Problem of evil |
| **HALF TERM 6** |
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