**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
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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
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| **HALF TERM 6** |
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