## Curriculum Outline 2024-25

Department:

Year 9

Timing	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding
Autumn	Moral Issues	How do we make moral decisions?	<ul> <li>Absolutism and relativism</li> <li>Moral Luck</li> <li>Capital Punishment</li> <li>Forgiveness</li> <li>The use of animals for fur, ivory trade and sport.</li> <li>The question of whether animals have rights</li> <li>Religious views on animal rights</li> <li>Pacifism</li> <li>Just war theory</li> <li>Religious responses to war</li> </ul>	How understanding is assessed:         • students will be able to explain and evaluate different issues within punishment, animal rights and war and peace.         • students will be able to write coherent arguments that justify their points of view.         Skills:         • to understand the different ways of approaching moral decision making.         • to understand the different issues within morality         • to explain different religious views on the topics         • asserting arguments using supporting evidence.         Assessment point information:         • written assessment on an issue of Capital Punishment         • peer assessed work in lessons.
Spring	Judaism	What does it mean to be Jewish in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	<ul> <li>Key figures in early Judaism</li> <li>The 10 commandments and mitzvot</li> <li>Kashrut Laws</li> <li>Bar / Bat Mitzvah</li> <li>Value of human life</li> <li>Responses to suffering and the holocaust</li> </ul>	How understanding is assessed:         • students will be able to explain and evaluate different beliefs within Judaism on a range of topics         • students will be able to write coherent arguments that justify their points of view.         Skills:         • to justify different perspectives within Judaism         • asserting arguments using supporting evidence

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				<ul> <li>critique arguments reflecting on students' own worldviews</li> <li><u>Assessment point information:</u> <ul> <li>written assessment on whether Jews in the 21<sup>st</sup> century should follow all the mitzvot</li> <li>exam style questions in lessons.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Summer	Minority Truth Claims	What is truth?	<ul> <li>Students will investigate the focus question through looking at a range of smaller religions and truth claims represented in the UK today, including (but not limited to): <ul> <li>Baha'i</li> <li>Jainism</li> <li>Rastafari</li> <li>Jehovah's Witnesses</li> <li>Taoism</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How understanding is assessed:         <ul> <li>students will be able to explain and evaluate different issues within the focus religion each week.</li> <li>students will be able to write coherent arguments that justify their points of view.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Skills:         <ul> <li>to understand the different ways of approaching moral decision making.</li> <li>to understand the different issues that arise in a tolerant, multi-faith society</li> <li>to explain different religious views on a range of issues</li> <li>asserting arguments using supporting evidence</li> </ul> </li> <li>Assessment point information:         <ul> <li>students will complete End of Year Exam.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>