

Curriculum map- Key stage 3 to Key stage 4

GCSE Content	Key stage 3 link
Christian Beliefs	
<p>The nature of God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God as omnipotent, loving and just, and the problem of evil and suffering • The oneness of God and the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 	<p>Year 7 SOW 1- God and Creation. Lessons 1-3 Year 7 SOW 3- People of God Year 8 SOW 1- Incarnation</p>
<p>Different Christian beliefs about creation including the role of Word and Spirit (John 1:1-3 and Genesis 1:1-3).</p>	<p>Year 7 SOW 1- God and creation lessons 4-6 Year 8 SOW 1 Incarnation Year 8 SOW 2 Gospel- Radical Jesus</p>
<p>Different Christian beliefs about the afterlife and their importance, including: resurrection and life after death; judgement, heaven and hell.</p>	<p>Year 8 SOW 2 Gospel- Radical Jesus Year 8 SOW 3- Salvation Year 9 SOW 1 Life and death</p>
<p>Jesus Christ and salvation. Beliefs and teachings about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension • the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit • the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement. 	<p>Year 8 SOW 3- Salvation Year 9 SOW 1- Life after death Year 9 SOW 2- Living the Christian life.</p>
Christian practices	
<p>Worship and festivals</p> <p>Different forms of worship and their significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • liturgical, non-liturgical and informal, including the use of the Bible • private worship. 	<p>Year 9- SOW 2 Living the Christian life</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer and its significance, including the Lord's Prayer, set prayers and informal prayer 	<p>Year 9 SOW 2 Living the Christian life</p>
<p>The role and meaning of the sacraments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the meaning of sacrament • the sacrament of baptism and its significance for Christians; infant and believers' baptism; 	<p>Year 7 SOW 2- Fall Year 8- SOW 2 Gospel Year 8 SOW 3- Salvation Year 9 SOW 2- Living the Christian life.</p>

Different beliefs about infant baptism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the sacrament of Holy Communion/Eucharist and its significance for Christians, including different ways in which it is celebrated and different interpretations of its meaning. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role and importance of pilgrimage and celebrations including: two contrasting examples of Christian pilgrimage: Lourdes and Iona 	Year 7 SOW 3- People of God Year 8 SOW 3 Salvation Year 9 SOW 2- Living the Christian life Year 9 SOW 3 Living the Muslim life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The celebrations of Christmas and Easter, including their importance for Christians in Great Britain today. 	Year 7 SOW 3 People of God Year 8 SOW 1 Incarnation Year 8 SOW 2 Gospel Year 8 SOW 3 Salvation Year 9 SOW 1 Life and death
The role of the Church in the local community, including food banks and street pastors.	Year 8 SOW 1 Incarnation Year 9 SOW 2 Living the Christian life
The place of mission, evangelism and Church growth.	Year 9 SOW 1- Kingdom of God Year 9 SOW 2 Living the Christian life
The importance of the worldwide Church including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> working for reconciliation how Christian churches respond to persecution the work of one of the following: Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD), Christian Aid, Tearfund. 	Year 8 SOW 1 Incarnation Year 9 SOW 1 Life and death Year 9 SOW 2 Living the Christian life
Muslim Beliefs	
The six articles of faith in Sunni Islam and five roots of Usul ad-Din in Shi'a Islam, including key similarities and differences.	Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Tawhid (the Oneness of God), Qur'an Surah 112.	Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
The nature of God: omnipotence, beneficence, mercy, fairness and justice/Adalat in Shi'a Islam, including different ideas about God's relationship with the world: immanence and	Year 9 SOW 3 Living the Muslim life

transcendence.	
Angels, their nature and role, including Jibril and Mika'il.	Year 9 SOW 1- Kingdom of God Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Predestination and human freedom and its relationship to the Day of Judgement	Year 9 SOW 1- Kingdom of God Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Akhirah (life after death), human responsibility and accountability, resurrection, heaven and hell.	Year 9 SOW 1- Kingdom of God Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Risalah (Prophethood) including the role and importance of Adam, Ibrahim and Muhammad.	Year 8 SOW 3- People of God Year 9 SOW 1- Kingdom of God Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
The holy books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: revelation and authority • the Torah, the Psalms, the Gospel, the Scrolls of Abraham and their authority 	Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
The imamate in Shi'a Islam: its role and significance.	Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Muslim Practices	
Five Pillars of Sunni Islam and the Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam (students should study the Five Pillars and jihad in both Sunni and Shi'a Islam and the additional duties of Shi'a Islam).	Year 8 SOW 1- Incarnation Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Shahadah: declaration of faith and its place in Muslim practice.	Year 8 SOW 1- Incarnation Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Salah and its significance: how and why Muslims pray including times, directions, ablution (wudu), movements (rak'ahs) and recitations; salah in the home and mosque and elsewhere; Friday prayer: Jummah; key differences in the practice of salah in Sunni and Shi'a Islam, and different Muslim views about the importance of prayer.	Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Sawm: the role and significance of fasting during the month of Ramadan including origins, duties, benefits of fasting, the exceptions and their reasons, and the Night of Power, Qur'an 96:1-5.	Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life

Zakah: the role and significance of giving alms including origins, how and why it is given, benefits of receipt, Khums in Shi'a Islam.	Year 8 SOW 1- Incarnation Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Hajj: the role and significance of the pilgrimage to Makkah including origins, how hajj is performed, the actions pilgrims perform at sites including the Ka'aba at Makkah, Mina, Arafat, Muzdalifah and their significance	Year 7 SOW 3- People of God Year 8- SOW 3- Salvation Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Jihad: different understandings of jihad: the meaning and significance of greater and lesser jihad; origins, influence and conditions for the declaration of lesser jihad.	Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Festivals and commemorations and their importance for Muslims in Great Britain today, including the origins and meanings of Id-ul-Adha, Id-ul-Fitr, Ashura.	Year 9 SOW 3- Living the Muslim life
Theme A Religion, Relationships and family	
Human sexuality including: heterosexual and homosexual relationships.	Year 9 RSE Scheme in S4L- SOW 2
Sexual relationships before and outside of marriage.	Year 9 RSE Scheme in S4L-SOW 2
Contraception and family planning.	Year 9 RSE Scheme in S4L-SOW 2
The nature and purpose of marriage. Same-sex marriage and cohabitation	Year 9 RSE Scheme in S4L-SOW 2
Divorce, including reasons for divorce, and remarrying. Ethical arguments related to divorce, including those based on the sanctity of marriage vows and compassion.	Year 9 SOW 2- Living the Christian life
The nature of families, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the role of parents and children • extended families and the nuclear family. 	Year 9 SOW 2- Living the Christian life
The purpose of families, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • procreation 	Year 9 SOW 2- Living the Christian life

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stability and the protection of children • educating children in a faith. 	
Contemporary family issues including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same-sex parents • polygamy. 	Year 9 SOW 2- RSE S4L
The roles of men and women. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender equality. • Gender prejudice and discrimination, including examples. 	Year 7 SOW 5- S4L Equality
Theme B Religion and life	
The origins of the universe, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • religious teachings about the origins of the universe, and different interpretations of these • the relationship between scientific views, such as the Big Bang theory, and religious views. 	Year 7 SOW 1- God and Creation
The use and abuse of the environment, including the use of natural resources, pollution.	Year 7 SOW 1- God and Creation
The use and abuse of animals, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • animal experimentation • the use of animals for food. 	Year 7 SOW 1- God and Creation
The origins of life, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • religious teachings about the origins of human life, and different interpretations of these • the relationship between scientific views, such as evolution, and religious views. 	Year 7 SOW 1- God and Creation
The concepts of sanctity of life and the quality of life.	Year 7 SOW 1- God and Creation Year 9 SOW 1- Life and death
Abortion, including situations when the mother's life is at risk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical arguments related to abortion, including those based on the sanctity of life and quality of life. 	Year 9 SOW 1- Life and death
Euthanasia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beliefs about death and an afterlife, and their impact on beliefs about the value of human life. 	Year 9 SOW 1- Life and death
Theme D Religion peace and conflict	

The meaning and significance of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • peace • justice • forgiveness • reconciliation. 	Year 7 SOW 3- People of God Year 8 SOW 3- Salvation
• Violence, including violent protest.	Year 8 SOW 2- Gospel
• Terrorism	Year 9 SOW 4 S4L -Rights and responsibilities
Reasons for war, including greed, self-defence and retaliation	Year 9 SOW 1- History -Causes of war are explored.
• The just war theory, including the criteria for a just war.	Year 9 SOW 2 Living the Christian life Year 9 SOW 3 Living the Muslim life
• Holy war.	Year 9 SOW 2 Living the Christian life Year 9 SOW 3 Living the Muslim life Year 7 History SOW 2
• Pacifism.	Year 9 SOW 2 Living the Christian life
Religion and belief as a cause of war and violence in the contemporary world.	Year 7 History SOW 2.
Nuclear weapons, including nuclear deterrence.	Year 10 Science SOW- Explores Nuclear power Year 9 SOW 4 S4L- Rights and responsibilities
The use of weapons of mass destruction.	Year 9 SOW 4 S4L- Rights and responsibilities
Religion and peace-making in the contemporary world including the work of individuals influenced by religious teaching.	Year 7 SOW 3- People of God
Religious responses to the victims of war including the work of one present day religious organisation.	Year 8 SOW 1 -Inspiration and action Year 8 SOW 2- Gospel
Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment	
Good and evil intentions and actions, including whether it can ever be good to cause suffering.	Year 8 SOW 3 Salvation
Reasons for crime, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • poverty and upbringing • mental illness and addiction • greed and hate • opposition to an unjust law. • Views about people who break the law for these reasons. • Views about different types of crime, including hate crimes, theft and murder. 	Year 7- SOW 6 Law and Justice S4L

<p>The aims of punishment, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • retribution • deterrence • reformation. 	<p>Year 7- SOW 6 Law and Justice S4L</p>
<p>The treatment of criminals, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prison • corporal punishment • community service. • Forgiveness. • The death penalty. 	<p>Year 7- SOW 6 Law and Justice S4L</p>
<p>Ethical arguments related to the death penalty, including those based on the principle of utility and sanctity of life.</p>	<p>Year 7 SOW 1 God and creation Year 9 sow 1 Life and death</p>
