KS3 Religion, Philosophy and Ethics Learning Journey

YEAR 9

Our big question: Which beliefs are of the greatest value and how are they applied today?

What does religion teach about relationships and families?

- Sex before and outside of marriage beliefs in Christianity and Islam
- Heterosexuality and Homosexuality beliefs in Christianity and Islam
- Religious teachings about marriage, cohabitation and divorce
- The nature and purpose of families
- Contraception - Christianity and Islam
- Christian beliefs about gender equality

What are the key beliefs in Christianity?

- The nature of God, Omnipotence, Benevolence, Justice
- Creation
- Heaven and hell
- Sin and salvation
- The Problem of evil and Christian responses
- Key events in Jesus' life

Responses to immoral actions

- Why did ordinary people commit atrocities?
- Forgiveness
- The inconsistent triad and religious responses to evil
- Context lesson: Prejudice, discrimination and racism
- What was the holocaust?

How should religious believers live their lives?

- Buddhism: community and practices
- Islam: Responses to poverty & giving
- Context lesson
- Christianity: responses to poverty
- Christianity - Jesus
- Sikhism: Khalsa and sewa
- Islam: The Five Pillars

Death and afterlife

- Is there a life after death?
- Buddhism - rebirth & samsara, Nirvana
- Islam - final judgement, heaven & hell
- Christianity - final judgement, heaven & hell, Jesus' resurrection and the impact this has today
- Non-religious perspectives - NDE, spirit world etc.
- Context lesson: Ideas of immortality , a soul and humanism
- Sikhism and reincarnation. What leads to good reincarnation?
- Does belief in LAD give life meaning & humanism

YEAR 8

Our big question: How do religious values influence humans and the world today?

Religion can inspire good in the world

- How do people work for peace?
- How do religious people put their faith into action? Chronology context lesson
- Sikhism, Peace and violence
- Why did Muhammad Ali refuse to fight in the Vietnam war
- Does religion inspire good in the world or is it cause of conflict?
- Christianity, Peace and Violence
- The causes of war and conflict

Religion influences responses to 21st century world problems

- Attitudes towards victims of natural disasters
- Stewardship
- Animal rights
- Organ donation
- Are we stewards of the earth?

Religion influences moral decision making

- Which moral principle is the best?
- Situation Ethics
- The power of example – The prophets?
- Morality and divine law, the Torah and the Ten Commandments.
- Is religion a force for peace or a cause of conflict? religious villains and heroes context lesson
- Buddhist beliefs about morality and Karma.
- Consequentialism
- Morality and divine law, The Quran and it's laws
- How do we make moral decisions? Context lesson What does it mean to live a good life?

Religion influences our ideas on existence

- Do you think science disproves religious beliefs about creation?
- Scientific explanations of the world – Evolution and Natural selection
- Scientific explanations of the world – The Big Bang
- How should Christians respond to creation stories?
- Christian beliefs about creation
- Is the existence of the world evidence for God?
- Does Science disprove religious beliefs about creation? Context Lesson The development of science in the religious world

YEAR 7

Our big question: Why is religion of value to humans?

Religion organises society and provides rules for living

- Why is the Bible and the Ten Commandments Of value to humans?
- Why did Jesus break the rules?
- Why is the Quran of value to humans?
- Why did Oscar Romero break the rules?
- Is it ever right to break the rules?
- Why did Rosa Parks and MLK break the rules?
- Is it ever right to break the rules? Context lesson (A world without rules)

Religion inspires people to live good lives

- Jesus and the parable of the Good Samaritan
- Who was Guru Nanak? Why is he inspiring?
- The prophet Muhammad and why he is inspiring
- How have religious leaders had a positive effect on the world? Chronology Context lesson
- The Buddha. Why is he inspiring?
- Who should win the TIME award for most inspiring religious figure?

Religion helps explain the world and our existence (B).

- The problem of evil
- The design argument for the existence of God
- Types of belief, theism, atheism and agnosticism and what do you believe?
- Does God exist?
- Theodicies and the book of Job
- The causation argument for the existence of God.
- The nature of God.

Religion helps to explain the world and our existence (A)

- What is Islam?
- How did religion begin and evolve? Comparative religion
- What is Buddhism?
- What is Humanism?
- What is Sikhism?
- What is Christianity?
- What is religion?