



The Grey Coat Hospital

Key Stage Three Curriculum Plan - *Subject: Religious Education*

Year 7

Half Term (HT)	Topic Area / Focus
HT1 & HT2	A) Introduction to Beliefs and Worldviews: the nature of truth and varieties of belief; theistic beliefs and other worldviews; the impact of beliefs and worldviews on living B) Abrahamic Faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam through the concepts of God, the meaning of life and worship, in each faith
HT3 - HT5	Who was Jesus? An exploration of New Testament evidence, including Christian and other beliefs about Jesus and the importance of Jesus to Christians today, through the key concepts of Incarnation, Kingdom and Resurrection
HT6	What is truth? A philosophical investigation into epistemology and its importance in religion: views about the existence of truth and the validity of truth claims

Year 8

Half Term (HT)	Topic Area / Focus
HT1 & HT2	A) Dharmic Faiths: the Indic religions of Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism through the concepts of God, the meaning of life and worship, in each faith
HT3 - HT5	How Do We Know? Topics in the philosophy of religion, exploring beliefs about knowledge and revelation, including arguments for God's existence & the problem of evil and suffering
HT6	Christian Ethics: an introduction to morality, moral decision-making and the Christian principles of love and forgiveness, using key texts from the New Testament gospels

Year 9



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Half Term (HT)	Topic Area / Focus
HT1 - HT2	Christianities: a study of global Christianity with a focus on the concepts of Creed, Authority & Sacraments; Church history including major schisms; significant denominations; diversity and unity in leadership, beliefs and practices (in anticipation of AQA GCSE units on Christian Beliefs and Christian Practices)
HT3	Muslim Beliefs and Teachings (a unit in the AQA GCSE): God and Tawhid, Sunni and Shi'a distinctions, angels, prophethood
HT4	Muslim Beliefs and Teachings continued (a unit in the AQA GCSE): the afterlife, predestination, holy books
HT5 & HT6	Religion, personhood and animal rights: philosophical notions of personhood and rights; ethical consideration of uses and abuses of animals; personhood and sanctity issues to do with abortion and euthanasia