

Year 8 RE Learning Outcomes

Unit 1: Love

- The four Greek types of love.
- Exploration of our own opinion of love.
- Discussion on the concept of who is my neighbour?
- The life of Max Kolbe.
- An extended piece of writing to answer the Mastery Question – ‘Everyone should show agape’.

Unit 2: Hinduism

- Hindu beliefs about God.
- Hindu key beliefs – karma and rebirth.
- The Hindu Scriptures.
- Worship at Hindu temples.
- Hindu worship in the home.
- The Hindu Four Stages of Life.
- Hindu Symbolism.
- Different groups within Hinduism.
- Significant places for Hindus.
- Hindu Celebrations.
- The Hindu Moral Code.

Unit 3: Philosophy

- Arguments for God from design.
- Arguments for God from first cause.
- Arguments for God from morality.
- Arguments against the existence of God.
- The problem and debate over evil and suffering.
- Ideas and beliefs about immortality.
- Arguments for and against miracles.
- Arguments for and against Divine Revelation.

Unit 4: Faith in Action

- Christian and Muslim exemplars e.g. Desmond Doss, Muhammad Ali and Terry Waite.
- The meaning of key religious quotes and explain how these teachings were put into action by a Christian exemplar.
- The concepts of Just War, Holy War and Pacifism.

- Writing a balanced answer to the extended writing question – ‘Is killing another human being ever justified?’

Unit 5: Buddhism

- The life of the Buddha.
- Different groups within Buddhism.
- Buddhist beliefs.
- The Buddhist Scriptures.
- The Sangha and life in a Buddhist monastery.
- Buddhist temples and significant places.
- Buddhist daily life and moral code.
- Buddhist symbolism and celebrations.

Unit 6: The Universe and its Origins

- The size and scale of the universe.
- Religious creation stories.
- The Big Bang.
- Evolution Theory.
- The Teleological argument for Creation.
- The problem of suffering and how it affects different views on the origins of the universe.
- The religion vs science debate.