



Year 11 Religious Studies Overview



Topic	Overview of topic	How is this assessed?
Muslim Beliefs	The unit introduces the key beliefs in Islam. You will look compare the understanding of central beliefs in Sunni and Shi'a Islam. This will then lead onto exploring the six main articles of faith in greater detail – the oneness of Allah, Angels, Prophets, Holy Books, Afterlife and Predestination.	<p>Students will be set an essay question to help refresh their skills prior to the end of unit assessment.</p> <p>There will be an Exam-style assessment, which is the equivalent to one section of a paper and will be marked in line with GCSE expectations.</p>
Crime and Punishment	This unit introduces Muslim attitudes regarding laws and punishments in religion and society. These will be compared to the attitudes of contemporary Britain. You will look at key issues such as justice, different forms of punishment, as well as the purpose of punishment. The unit then moves onto the treatment of criminals, including human rights and the death penalty.	<p>Students will be set an essay question to help refine their evaluation skills prior to the Mock.</p> <p>There will be a Mock Paper, in the same format as the paper from year 10, which will be a blend of Christianity and the Islam content covered so far this year. This will be marked in line with GCSE expectations.</p>
Living the Muslim Life	The unit explores Muslim rituals, festivals and practices. You will look at different understandings of Muslim practices, including the 5 Pillars and the 10 Obligatory Acts. This will then lead onto reviewing each of the pillars, as well as the concept of Jihad. Finally, you will review Muslim festivals, and consider their significance in Sunni and Shi'a traditions.	<p>Students will be set an essay question to help further refine their evaluation skills prior to the end of unit assessment.</p> <p>There will be an Exam-style assessment, which is the equivalent to one section of a paper and will be marked in line with GCSE expectations.</p>
Peace and Conflict	This unit introduces Muslim attitudes regarding establishing peace and the conditions of war. These attitudes will be compared to traditional ideas regarding war in the Western tradition. You will look at different causes of war, including the significance of religion as a cause. The unit then moves key contemporary issues, such as Weapons of Mass Destruction.	<p>There will be an End of Year Mock Paper, which will include all of the material covered so far in the year. The Mock Paper is the equivalent of a full GCSE paper and will include four sections, covering the four units. This will be marked in line with GCSE expectations.</p>

If you would like a more detailed overview of these topics, you can access the learning journeys for these topics via the school website.

