



Year 10 Religious Studies Overview



Topic	Overview of topic	How is this assessed?
Christian Beliefs	The unit introduces the GCSE and explores the key beliefs in Christianity. You will look at beliefs about God, including the concept of the Trinity, as well as the life and significance of Jesus Christ. This will then lead onto reviewing ideas regarding salvation and the afterlife. Finally the unit considers the problem of evil and suffering and different Christian ideas on resolving the problem.	The unit will introduce exam style questions, which should be familiar from previous years. At the end of the Unit, there will be an Exam-style assessment . This will include shorter questions and an essay question, in line with a section of an exam paper. It will be marked according to GCSE expectations.
Marriage and the Family	This unit introduces different Christian attitudes to sex and relationships, contrasting the attitudes to contemporary British attitudes. You will look at key issues such as different family types, how the Christian community supports families, as well as questions around sexuality and contraception. The unit then moves onto differing attitudes to the role of women.	Students will be set an essay question to help refine their evaluation skills prior to the end of unit assessment. There will be an Exam-style assessment , in the same format as the previous assessment, and is the equivalent of one section of a paper and will be marked in line with GCSE expectations.
Living the Christian Life	The unit explores Christian rituals, festivals and practices. You will look at different ways Christians worship, including different Christian attitudes to the Sacraments, with a focus on Baptism and the Eucharist. This will then lead onto reviewing the festivals of Christmas and Easter and their significance. Finally, you will consider how Christians help others – both in locally and globally (including evangelical work).	Students will be set an essay question to help further refine their evaluation skills prior to the end of unit assessment. There will be an Exam-style assessment , in the same format as the previous assessment. It will this unit and Marriage and the Family, and is the equivalent of two sections of a paper and will be marked in line with GCSE expectations.
Matters of Life and Death	This unit introduces different Christian attitudes to life and death issues, contrasting the attitudes to contemporary British attitudes. You will look at key principles in understanding the value of life, including the sanctity and quality of life. The unit then moves onto the key questions of abortion and euthanasia. Finally, you will explore questions regarding environmental issues and animal rights.	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.

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

