

Curriculum Overview – RPE



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Year 7	Cycle 1: Introduction to Religion and World Views		Cycle 2: Does God Exist?		Cycle 3: Religious Ideas About God	
	<u>What Is Religion?</u> - What is religion? - Why do we have religion? - How to study BVC (RE) through different lenses – an introduction to the 3 disciplines of Theology, Philosophy & Social Science - What is Philosophy? - What is a worldview?	<u>What Is Truth?</u> - What is truth? - Exploring the difference between scientific and religious truths	- Does God exist? - How do we prove something? - How did the world get here? (Creation myths) - Paley's Teleological Argument - Alternative theories – Big Bang/Evolution	- Aquinas' Cosmological Argument - The Moral Argument - The Ontological Argument	- What is God like? - Evidence of God? - Who was Abraham? - Who was Moses? - What is a moral code?	- What is the concept of God within the 3 Abrahamic religions? - Diversity within religion

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Year 8	Cycle 1: The Problem of Evil and how This Is Addressed By Religious Believers		Cycle 2: What Is The Purpose of Life?		Cycle 3: How Are Sikh Teachings On Equality And Service Put Into Practice Today?	
	<u>What Is The Problem of Evil?</u> • What is evil? • What is the difference between natural and moral evil? • Are pain and suffering necessary? • What is free will? • Is free will more important than a suffering-free existence?	<u>Buddhist Views On Suffering?</u> • Who was the Buddha? • Buddha's Enlightenment • Dhamma, dependent origination & the three marks of existence • The 4 noble truths • Karma and rebirth	• Why am I here? • What is human life all about? • Philosophical ideas on the purpose of life – Aquinas, Aristotle & Kant • Christian ideas on the purpose of life • Muslim ideas on the purpose of life	Non-religious ideas on the purpose of life – Humanism	• What is Dharma • What is Sikhism? • What do Sikhs believe about God? • Who was Guru Nanak? • How is Sikh living guided by the Gurus?	• What is the Langar? • What is the Khalsa? • What does it mean to be Amritdhari Sikh?

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Year 9	Cycle 1: How do we make ethical decisions?		Cycle 2: Holocaust Studies		Cycle 3: Does Religion Cause Conflict?	
	<u>What Is Morality?</u> - Recap of what is meant by 'Morality' (revisiting Year 7 SOL) - What is a moral decision? - Absolute and relative morality - How do religious believers make moral decisions	<u>What Is Meant By Medical Ethics?</u> - What is medical technology? - Sanctity and Quality of Life - IVF - Are religion and science incompatible? - Stem cell research - Saviour siblings	- Introduction to Judaism - What is it like to be made to feel different? - What is anti-semitism? - Life in the Ghetto	- The Warsaw Ghetto uprising - Life in the camps - Liberation and reactions	- What are the causes of conflict and war? - Is religion a cause of war? - Terrorism	- Justice - Reconciliation - Forgiveness