

Year 12 RE Curriculum Overview

Rationale: The Year 12 A level RE curriculum is follows the WJEC Eduqas A Level specification. Students study three components. Component 1 is an indepth and broad study of Christianity, Component 2 is the study of Philosophy of religion and Component 3 is the study of Religion and ethics. Each component allows students to acquire and develop knowledge and a critical awareness of religious thought, belief and practice and the different ways in which these are expressed in the lives of individuals, communities and societies. Throughout the year students examine how religious texts and other sources of wisdom and authority are interpreted and applied to religious, philosophical and ethical issues. Year 12 is designed to enable students to develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, the study of religion and its place in the wider world.

Term	Outline	Assessment/Teacher	Homework and Literacy resources
		Feedback Opportunities	6 hours of homework per week
Autumn 1	Component 1: Christianity	The assessment	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will
	Students will study:	framework is based on	complete a wide range of homework tasks including:
	Jesus – his birth: Consistency and credibility of the birth narratives including harmonisation and redaction. They will interpret and apply the birth narratives to the doctrine of the incarnation. Jesus – his resurrection: The views of Rudolf Bultmann and N.T. Wright on the issue of the resurrection as a historical event. They will interpret and apply the resurrection of Jesus to issues of death, the soul and the afterlife Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore key events in the Christian faith. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, events and figures in Christianity. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: • present arguments • make judgements draw conclusions Students will complete a 30 mark question on the resurrection of Jesus.	 Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: Christian Theology: An introduction by Alister McGrath The Puzzle of the Gospels by Peter Vardy The Birth of the Messiah: A Commentary on the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke By R E Brown

	Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.	
Component 2: Philosophy Students will be introduced to Inductive proofs and the concept of 'a posteriori'. They will examine the variations of the cosmological argument and the teleological argument for the existence of God and will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of challenges to these arguments. Students will also be introduced to the origins of the ontological argument. Students will examine the views of key Philosophical figures such as Thomas Aquinas, William Craig, William Paley and F.R. Tennant and David Hume. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge philosophical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: • present arguments • make judgements draw conclusions	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: The Puzzle of God By P Vardy God and Proof (Philosophy of Religion) By J Lee The Thinker's Guide to God By P Vardy and J Arliss

	Students will complete a 30 mark question on the effectiveness of the cosmological argument and variants of this theory. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.	
Component 3: Ethics During this half term students are introduced to key ethical concepts and principles. They will examine a variety of ethical theories such as The Divine command theory, Virtue theory and Ethical egoism. Students will explore the main challenges to these theories and will be able to draw conclusions on the extent of their effectiveness. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge ethical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to:	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: Ethical Studies, 2 nd Edition By R A Bowie The Moral Maze By D Cook

		 present arguments make judgements draw conclusions Students will complete a 20 mark question on virtue ethics. They will be tested on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of theories through detailed explanation and use of examples of theories in practice. 	Fletcher's Situation Ethics, SCM Briefly series By D M Daniel
Autumn 2	Component 1: Christianity Students will study the ways in which the Bible is considered authoritative: as a source of moral advice, as a guide to living, as teaching on the meaning and purpose of life and as a source of comfort and encouragement. Students will examine the Christian biblical canon was established and will consider diverse views on the Bible as the inspired word of God. Students will begin to examine message and format of the kerugmata as presented by C. H. Dodd, and will be encouraged to think critically about its historical value.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, events and figures in Christianity. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore key events in the Christian faith. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	 approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: present arguments make judgements draw conclusions Students will complete a 30 mark question on the extent to which the Bible is inspired. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions. 	Optional homework and literacy resources: Kerygma and Myth: A Theological Debate by R Bultmann et al
Component 2: Philosophy Students will continue to learn about the ontological argument and will move on to examine developments of this argument. Students will consider the challenges to the ontological argument and their effectiveness in disproving it. Students will examine the views of key Philosophical figures such as St Anselm, Decartes, Malcolm and Guanilo.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics.

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evaluative skills as they explore and challenge	approaches to,	
philosophical theories. Students will also have the	philosophy religion and	Optional homework and literacy resources:
opportunity to develop their communication skills	belief, including	
when sharing ideas during group presentation	their significance and	Atheism: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short
tasks.	influence in order to:	Introductions) By J Baggini
	 present 	
	arguments	The God Delusion By R Dawkins
	 make judgements 	
	draw conclusions	
	Students will complete a	
	20 mark question on the	
	ontological argument by	
	Decartes. They will be	
	tested on their ability to	
	demonstrate their	
	knowledge and	
	understanding of theories	
	studied including	
	examples of how they	
	work when applied to	
	different situations.	
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	argument Students will	
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	their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.
 Component 3: Ethics During this half term students build on knowledge of ethical egoism and will m study Natural law. They will evaluate th laws, precepts, goods and virtues in sup moral behaviours. Students will use wh have learned to apply natural law to iss abortion and voluntary euthanasia. Students will develop their analytical at evaluative skills as they explore and chaethical theories. Students will also have opportunity to develop their community when sharing ideas during group presentasks. Wider curriculum experiences- Career Students will also have the opportunity the role of a Civil service administrator. 	e on to ole of rtingthe following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key so ofPre-reading of information and critical content

		challenges of theories on Natural law. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.	
Spring 1	Component 1: ChristianityStudents will make a comparison of the work of two key scholars, including their views of Jesus with reference to their different methods of studying Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright. They will examine the effectiveness of the methods of the research chosen by each scholar and use this to determine which scholar's view of Jesus is more accurate.Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore key events in the Christian faith. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, events and figures in Christianity. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: present arguments make judgements draw conclusions Students will complete a 20 mark question on the	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: The Historical Jesus: The Life of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant by J D Crossan

	choice of sources used by Crossan. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to show in- depth knowledge, explanation and examples in their writing.	
 Component 2: Philosophy Students will learn about types of evil: The logical problem of evil from the classical theory to more modern developments. They will examine key responses to the problem of evil including Augustinian and Irenaean type theodicy. Students will analyse and evaluate the degree to which modern problem of evil arguments are effective in proving God's non-existence. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge philosophical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks. 	Students will complete a 2 hour Mock exam under timed conditions, which will assess their knowledge of topics covered so far in component 2 and 3. (Philosophy and Ethics)	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: Where Was God: Evil, Theodicy, and Modern Science By G Stillwell

	Component 3: Ethics During this half term students will be introduced to the meaning of situation ethics. They will examine Joseph Fletcher's Situation Ethics, his rejection of other forms of ethics and his acceptance of agape as the basis of morality. Students will be able to critically analyse and evaluate Fetcher's theory in relation to other ethical views. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge ethical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	Students will complete a 2 hour Mock exam under timed conditions, which will assess their knowledge of topics covered so far in component 2 and 3. (Philosophy and Ethics)	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional Homework and Literacy resources: Student friendly overview of Situation Ethics http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org/situational-ethics
Spring 2	 Component 1: Christianity Students will study the issue of male language about God; the pastoral benefits and challenges of the model of Father. They will analyse and evaluate Sallie McFague's arguments on God as Mother. Students will study the modern view of a suffering God illustrated by Jurgen Moltmann. They will develop their understanding of the Trinity and the need for the doctrine of the Trinity. Student will then begin their study of the three main theories of the Atonement and will determine what each suggests about the nature of God. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore key events in the 	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, events and figures in Christianity. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

opportunity t	h. Students will also have the to develop their communication skills g ideas during group presentation	their significance and influence in order to: present arguments make judgements and draw conclusions Students will complete a 30 mark question on whether God can suffer. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.	Optional homework and literacy resources: The Crucified God: The Cross of Christ as the Foundation and Criticism of Christian Theology By J Moltmann
Students will experience w intellectual; o individual/co transcendent and stages of They will be i William Jame experience: i Rudolf Otto –	2: Philosophy examine The nature of religious with p reference to: Visions – sensory; dreams. Conversion – mmunal; sudden/gradual. Mysticism – c; ecstatic and unitive. Prayer – types prayer according to Teresa of Avila. Introduced to Mystical experience: es' four characteristics of mystical neffable, noetic, transient and passive. - the concept of the numinous; emendum; the human predisposition experience.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

Students will be able to put forward challenges to religious experiences and evaluate whether they disprove them.	their significance and influence in order to: present arguments, make judgements and draw conclusions Students will complete a 20 mark question on the different types of mystical experience. They will be tested on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of theories studied including examples of how they work when applied to different situations.	Optional homework and literacy resources: Access to Religious Studies: Religious Experience by P Cole
Component 3: Ethics During this unit students will continue to examine the effectiveness of situation ethics by applying their knowledge of the theory to homosexuality and the use of nuclear weapons. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge ethical theories. Students will also have the	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures.	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to

	opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: • present arguments • make judgements draw conclusions	 consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: Student friendly overview of Situation Ethics http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org/situational-ethics.htm
		Students will complete a 20 mark question on Bentham's theory of utilitarianism. They will be tested on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of theories studied including examples of how they work when applied to different situations.	
Summer 1	Component 1: Christianity Atonement continues to be the focus of this half term. Students will examine developments of these	The assessment framework is based on the following:	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including:

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	models and examine common themes in each of	Assessment outcome 1:	Pre-reading of information and critical content
	them.	Demonstrate knowledge	sheets provided by teacher in preparation for
	Student will move on to look at faith and works	and understanding of key	subsequent lessons.
	and will decide based on biblical evidence the	concepts, events and	Completion of past exam questions.
	extent to they support Christians in being justified	figures in Christianity.	Completion of revision resources in preparation
	before God.		for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and
		Assessment outcome 2:	develop knowledge of previous topics.
	Students will develop their analytical and	Analyse and evaluate	Revision for tests and Mock examinations.
	evaluative skills as they explore key events in the	aspects of, and	
	Christian faith. Students will also have the	approaches to, religion	Optional homework and literacy resources:
	opportunity to develop their communication skills	and belief, including	
	when sharing ideas during group presentation	their significance and	Paul and Palestinian Judaism: A Comparison of Patterns
	tasks.	influence in order to:	of Religion By E P Sanders
		present arguments	
		make judgements and	
		draw conclusions	
		Students will complete a	
		20 mark question	
		explaining Luther's theory	
		on Faith alone. Students	
		will complete this in	
		timed conditions without	
		notes. They will be tested	
		on their ability to show	
		, in-depth knowledge,	
		explanation and	
		examples in their writing.	
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 Component 2: Philosophy	The assessment	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will
Students are introduced to Religious belief as a	framework is based on	complete a wide range of homework tasks including:
product of the human mind from the perspectives	the following:	 Pre-reading of information and critical content
of Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung and will examine	Assessment outcome 1:	sheets provided by teacher in preparation for
the challenges to these ideas and to the evidence	Demonstrate knowledge	subsequent lessons.
presented. Students will then move on to look	and understanding of key	Completion of past exam questions.
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atheism, specifically New atheism and its criticisms	concepts, theories and	Completion of revision resources in preparation
of religion.	philosophical figures.	for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and
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Students will develop their analytical and	Assessment outcome 2:	Revision for tests and Mock examinations.
evaluative skills as they explore and challenge	Analyse and evaluate	
philosophical theories. Students will also have the	aspects of, and	Optional homework and literacy resources:
opportunity to develop their communication skills	approaches to,	
when sharing ideas during group presentation	philosophy religion and	Where Was God: Evil, Theodicy, and Modern Science
tasks.	belief, including	By G Stillwell
	their significance and	
	influence in order to:	
	present arguments,	
	make judgements and	
	draw conclusions	
	Students will complete a	
	20 mark question on the	
	challenges of New	
	Atheism. They will be	
	tested on their ability to	
	demonstrate their	
	knowledge and	
	understanding of theories	
	studied including	
	examples of how they	

	work when applied to different situations.	
Component 3: Ethics Students will examine Mill's theory of Rule utilitarianism. They will use their knowledge to apply this to the idea of animal experimentation for medical research and the use of nuclear weapons as a deterrent. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge ethical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: • present arguments • make judgements draw conclusions Students will complete a 30 mark question on the effectiveness of	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: Bentham, Jeremy (2000) - Utilitarianism and Other Essays, Pearson

		utilitarianism when applied to moral issues. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.	
Summer 2	Component 1: ChristianityStudents will begin to look at The New Testament community of believers as a model for churches today (with reference to Acts). They will also explore key moral principles in Christianity with a focus on the importance of the teaching: 'Love thy neighbour.'During this half term students will have the opportunity to review their learning of Theme 2 focusing on topics they have found challenging.Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore key events in the Christian faith. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, events and figures in Christianity. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: present arguments make judgements and draw conclusions Students will complete a 30 mark question on the importance of 'Love thy neighbour' when compared to other	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: The role and importance of the Church in the community <u>https://www.huffingtonpost.com/pastor-gilford-t- monrose/role-of-the-church b 1896969.html</u>

		teachings and principles. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.	
	Component 2: Philosophy Students will spend this unit consolidating their learning so far. Students will apply theories to a range of issues and will have the opportunity to review topics they have found challenging. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge philosophical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	Students will complete a 2 hour Mock exam under timed conditions, which will assess their knowledge of topics covered so far in component 2 and 3. (Christianity and Philosophy)	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: Detailed resources on key themes: <u>http://peped.org/philosophicalinvestigations/teacher s/</u>
5 	Component 3: Ethics Students are introduced to naturalism and the idea that objective moral laws exist independently of human beings. They will analyse the strengths and weaknesses of this theory. Student will have the opportunity to review their learning, focusing on topics they have found challenging	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures.	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Note-taking in preparation for subsequent lesson.

Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: • present arguments • make judgements draw conclusions	Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Preparation for group presentations.
20 mark question on the meta-ethical approach to naturalism. They will be tested on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of theories studied including examples of how they work when applied to different situations.	