

Curriculum Overview – Year 9 Religious Education

Unit Title	Learning	How can parents best support?
Does God Exist? Half Term 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirmation – What are the different reasons for belief? • Big Bang – How did the Universe come to be in existence? • Miracles – Are miracles real? • Religious Experience – How can experience change us? • Design – Was life designed? • Suffering – Can the Problem of Evil be solved? 	<p>Check Show My Homework for details of homework set.</p> <p>Encourage students to think about their own reasons for belief/non-belief.</p> <p>Point out any news articles that discuss different views of the origins of the universe.</p> <p>Talk to students about their own opinions about evil and suffering in the world.</p>
Topical Issues Half Term 2-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homosexuality – How have attitudes changed? • Racism – Examples of racism and Christian responses to it. • Euthanasia – Is it ever right to end your life? • Abortion – Pro Choice or Pro Life • Sex outside marriage – What do Christians think? • Animal Rights – Dominion V’s Stewardship 	<p>Check Show My Homework for details of homework set.</p> <p>Discuss different influences in the lives of students.</p> <p>Point out any age appropriate news articles that discuss the topical issues studied.</p> <p>Encourage students to read around the subject.</p>
Christianity Half Term 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suffering – Why does suffering happen? • Christian responses – What do Christians teach about the Problem of Evil? • Salvation Army – A practical response to evil and suffering. • Sacrifice – Was the sacrifice of Maria Gomez worth it? • Fair Trade Clothes – Should we think before we buy? 	<p>Check Show My Homework for details of homework set.</p> <p>Discuss different news articles about different forms of suffering, how do they make you feel?</p> <p>Encourage students to think about what influences have affected them in their lives.</p>

<p>Ethics and Values Half Term 5-6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right and Wrong – Are we born with this knowledge? • Just War – What do Hindus teach about this? • Golden Rule – Why does every religion have a version of this? • Pacifism – What do religious people teach about this? • Moral Dilemma – What would you do? • Love – What are the different types of love? • Justice – What do Christians teach about Justice? • Forgiveness – Should we always forgive? 	<p>Check Show My Homework for details of homework set.</p> <p>Discuss their own beliefs about war, love and justice.</p> <p>Highlight any news stories or age appropriate documentaries about war, pacifism or forgiveness.</p>
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