

# Curriculum Overview – Year 8 Religious Education

Unit Title	Learning	How can parents best support?
<p>Celebrations Half Term 1-2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrations – What festivals do religious people celebrate?</li> <li>• Divali – How and why is Divali celebrated?</li> <li>• Wesak – What is Wesak and how is it celebrated?</li> <li>• Passover – What is the story of the Exodus?</li> <li>• Passover – What is the Seder?</li> <li>• Celebrate Passover – How and why is Passover celebrated?</li> </ul>	<p>Check Show My Homework for details of homework set.</p> <p>Encourage students to think about festivals and holidays they have celebrated.</p> <p>Point out any news articles that discuss different religious festivals and celebrations.</p> <p>Talk to students about their own reasons for celebrating.</p> <p>Discuss different teachings and their influence in the world.</p>
<p>Buddhism Half Term 2-3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who was Siddatha Gotama?</li> <li>• What is the Golden Mean?</li> <li>• Why are Anicca and Anatta important in Buddhism?</li> <li>• How can the Noble Truths help Buddhists?</li> <li>• Why is the Dhammapadda important?</li> </ul>	<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 news articles that discuss Buddhist philosophies.</p> <p>Encourage students to read around the subject.</p>

<p>Christianity Half Term 3-4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trinity – What is the Trinity?</li> <li>• Miracle – Are miracles real?</li> <li>• Parables – What do parables teach us?</li> <li>• Holy Week – Why is Holy Week important to Christians?</li> <li>• Denominations – How do Christian beliefs differ?</li> <li>• Prayer and Worship – Do Christians pray and worship in the same way?</li> </ul>	<p>Check Show My Homework for details of homework set.</p> <p>Discuss different beliefs.</p> <p>Encourage students to be respectful of other beliefs even if they do not agree with them.</p> <p>Encourage students to think about what influences have affected them in their lives.</p>
<p>Islam Half Term 5-6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Pillars – What are the 5 Pillars of Islam?</li> <li>• Muhammad – Who was Mauhammad?</li> <li>• Shahadah and Salah – How do Muslims pray?</li> <li>• Zakah – Is it important to support other people?</li> <li>• Sawm – Why do Muslims fast?</li> <li>• Hajj – What happens on pilgrimage to Mecca?</li> </ul>	<p>Check Show My Homework for details of homework set.</p> <p>Discuss their own beliefs about understanding and helping other people.</p> <p>Highlight any news stories or age appropriate documentaries about the 5 Pillars of Islam.</p>