



## KS4 Curriculum Map – Religious Studies (GCSE):

Topic	Knowledge  <i>Substantive knowledge:</i> This is the specific, factual content for the topic, which should be connected into a careful sequence of learning.	Skills  <i>Disciplinary knowledge:</i> This is the action taken within a particular topic in order to gain substantive knowledge.	Assessment Opportunities  What assessments will be used to measure student progress?
Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forms of expression (How Art depicts creation)</li> <li>The nature of God</li> <li>Scripture and Tradition, including Magisterium</li> <li>Practices (Caring for the environment)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine Catholic teachings of creation and how they depict God and humans</li> <li>Explore Catholic understanding of scripture and the place of tradition</li> <li>Analyse the role of tradition</li> <li>Examine creation and natural law</li> <li>Explore the relationship between Science and religion</li> <li>Reflect on the duty of care for the environment as a consequence of creation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keywords</li> <li>Mini formative tests</li> <li>Baseline tests</li> <li>Progress Checkers</li> <li>Weekly 12 markers</li> <li>Mini formative tests</li> <li>End of unit tests</li> <li>PPES</li> <li>Online quizzes</li> </ul>
Incarnation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God made flesh</li> <li>Symbols, imagery, statutes and sculpture</li> <li>Jesus as the source of morality</li> <li>Sacramental nature of reality and grace</li> <li>Imago Dei and the protection of the unborn child</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate Jesus as fully God and fully human</li> <li>Investigate how symbols, images, statutes, and sculptures depict Christ.</li> <li>Examine how Jesus' teachings in the Beatitudes are a moral guide and also a fulfilment of the Old Testament</li> <li>Examine the work of grace in the believer's life</li> <li>Examine how tradition plays an essential role in the development of Christian understanding of God</li> <li>Evaluate how Imago Dei influences Catholic teachings on abortion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keywords</li> <li>Mini formative tests</li> <li>Baseline tests</li> <li>Progress Checkers</li> <li>Weekly 12 markers</li> <li>Mini formative tests</li> <li>End of unit tests</li> <li>PPES</li> <li>Online quizzes</li> </ul>

The Triune God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of music in worship</li> <li>• The Trinity in the Bible and Creed</li> <li>• The Trinity today</li> <li>• God's love</li> <li>• The Magisterium</li> <li>• Baptism</li> <li>• Prayer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn how music is used in worship</li> <li>• Investigate Christian understanding of the Trinity</li> <li>• Explore the concept of the love of God and its impact on Christians.</li> <li>• Explore why the Church needs the magisterium</li> <li>• Analyse the importance of baptism as a sacrament of initiation</li> <li>• Investigate different types of prayers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keywords</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• Baseline tests</li> <li>• Progress Checkers</li> <li>• Weekly 12 markers</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• End of unit tests</li> <li>• PPES</li> <li>• Online quizzes</li> </ul>
Redemption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Architecture of Catholic churches</li> <li>• Sacred objects and artefacts</li> <li>• The death of Jesus</li> <li>• Salvation</li> <li>• Redemption and the Mass</li> <li>• The Eucharist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate the importance of the architecture, design and features of a Catholic church</li> <li>• Appreciate the significance of changes in Catholic churches since Vatican II.</li> <li>• Explore the importance of church features for understanding salvation.</li> <li>• Explore how the death of Jesus restored the relationship between God and man</li> <li>• Evaluate the importance of the resurrection and the ascension</li> <li>• Examine the different parts of the Mass</li> <li>• Appreciate the way that the Mass is structured to enable the believer to be caught up in the Paschal Mystery</li> <li>• Appreciate different Christian understandings of the Eucharist and how these affect worship in various denominations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keywords</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• Baseline tests</li> <li>• Progress Checkers</li> <li>• Weekly 12 markers</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• End of unit tests</li> <li>• PPES</li> <li>• Online quizzes</li> </ul>
Eschatology: Christian life, death and eternity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelangelo's 'Last Judgement'.</li> <li>• Funerals</li> <li>• How eschatology influences Christians</li> <li>• The Four last things</li> <li>• Purgatory</li> <li>• The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus</li> <li>• The importance of eschatology</li> <li>• Sanctity of life and euthanasia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciate the symbolism and significance of Michelangelo's 'Last Judgement'.</li> <li>• Appreciate how different forms of funeral memorials reflect the beliefs of Christians.</li> <li>• Examine the meaning and significance of the idea of eschatology</li> <li>• Appreciate Catholic teachings about death, judgement, heaven and hell.</li> <li>• Become aware of the nature and importance of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keywords</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• Baseline tests</li> <li>• Progress Checkers</li> <li>• Weekly 12 markers</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• End of unit tests</li> <li>• PPES</li> <li>• Online quizzes</li> </ul>

		<p>Catholic beliefs about purgatory and its implications for teachings about the love of God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine the meaning and significance of the parable of the Rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).</li> <li>• Understand the implications of Catholic teachings on eschatology, especially how people live this life and view the idea of hell.</li> <li>• Appreciate the meaning and importance of the idea of the sanctity of life and how this teaching influences Catholic attitudes to euthanasia.</li> </ul>	
<p>Religion Relationships and family</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes us human</li> <li>• Theology of the body</li> <li>• Perspectives on sex before marriage, adultery and homosexuality.</li> <li>• Valid marriages</li> <li>• Marriage, vows and cohabitation</li> <li>• Annulment and divorce</li> <li>• Family planning</li> <li>• purpose of the family in the 21st century.</li> <li>• Roles of the family</li> <li>• Gender equality in the Bible.</li> <li>• Catholic teachings on the equality of men and women.</li> <li>• Gender prejudice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciate the importance of human sexuality as one of the factors that make individuals both human and individual.</li> <li>• Examine John Paul II's perspectives on the Theology of the Body.</li> <li>• Explore Catholic, other Christian and non-religious perspectives on sex before marriage, adultery and homosexuality in modern Britain.</li> <li>• Explore what makes valid and invalid marriages in the Catholic Church</li> <li>• Examine how vows influence marriages and Church teachings on cohabitation and modern British views.</li> <li>• Examine the Church's teachings on annulment and divorce</li> <li>• Explore Catholic teachings on family planning alongside modern British attitudes</li> <li>• Examine the role of the family, particularly in connection with procreation, security and education of children.</li> <li>• Appreciate the importance of gender equality in the Bible</li> <li>• Evaluate what the Catholic Church teaches about men's and women's equality.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keywords</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• Baseline tests</li> <li>• Progress Checkers</li> <li>• Weekly 12 markers</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• End of unit tests</li> <li>• PPES</li> <li>• Online quizzes</li> </ul>

<p>Religion, peace and conflict</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biblical perspectives on human violence.</li> <li>• Forgiveness and Reconciliation</li> <li>• Justice</li> <li>• Different viewpoints on justice, violence and anger.</li> <li>• Just War Theory</li> <li>• Nuclear War</li> <li>• The consequences of modern warfare.</li> <li>• The Holy War</li> <li>• The Old Testament and</li> <li>• Religious understanding and attitude to pacifism.</li> <li>• Religion and conflict in the 21st century.</li> <li>• Religious responses to terrorism as a form of warfare.</li> <li>• Torture, radicalisation and martyrdom.</li> <li>• Conflict resolution and peace-making.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate the Bible's teaching on violence</li> <li>• Reflect on religious teachings on forgiveness and reconciliation.</li> <li>• Explore how justice can help build up the dignity of the individual and the nation.</li> <li>• Appreciate different attitudes to the issues of justice and violence.</li> <li>• Appreciate the meaning and significance of the Just War Theory in the light of the Catechism of the Catholic Church 2309.</li> <li>• Analyse Catholic attitudes to nuclear war and the use of weapons of mass destruction.</li> <li>• Understand Catholic views regarding the consequences of modern warfare.</li> <li>• Appreciate the idea of a holy war and be able to evaluate the acceptability of this idea.</li> <li>• Develop an insight into different religious beliefs about the acceptability of war.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keywords</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• Baseline tests</li> <li>• Progress Checkers</li> <li>• Weekly 12 markers</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• End of unit tests</li> <li>• PPES</li> <li>• Online quizzes</li> </ul>
<p>Judaism (Beliefs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature of God as one, judge, creator and law-giver</li> <li>• The Abrahamic Covenant</li> <li>• The Sinai Covenant</li> <li>• The Messiah</li> <li>• Statement of Belief - Shema</li> <li>• The Torah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider Jewish beliefs about the nature of God</li> <li>• Examine the Abrahamic and Sinai Covenants and their significance</li> <li>• Students also consider their personal history.</li> <li>• Examine the Shema, explore its use, and consider why it is essential.</li> <li>• Explore the Torah as a source of wisdom and authority.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keywords</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• Baseline tests</li> <li>• Progress Checkers</li> <li>• Weekly 12 markers</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• End of unit tests</li> <li>• PPES</li> <li>• Online quizzes</li> </ul>

<p>Judaism (Practices)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shabbat</li> <li>• Synagogue</li> <li>• Passover</li> <li>• festivals</li> <li>• Life after death</li> <li>• Dietary laws</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate the importance of Shabbat for Jewish people in Britain today.</li> <li>• Investigate why the synagogue is still essential for the Jewish community today.</li> <li>• Compare and contrast two critical Jewish festivals and consider the claim that they lose meaning in the modern world.</li> <li>• Evaluate Jewish dietary laws in modern Britain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keywords</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• Baseline tests</li> <li>• Progress Checkers</li> <li>• Weekly 12 markers</li> <li>• Mini formative tests</li> <li>• End of unit tests</li> <li>• PPES</li> <li>• Online quizzes</li> </ul>
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