

Hartford Church of England High School – Year 7 Religious Studies

Year 7	HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
Topic(s)	What do People Believe?	How do People Express Their Beliefs?	What is the Influence of the Patriarchs on Judaism today?	Who is Jesus?	How Does Jesus Influence Christian Beliefs?	Why is Belief in One God Important in Islam?
Focus	This unit explores how and why people study Religious Studies, introducing key concepts such as ultimate questions and worldviews, and how these shape beliefs and ways of life. Students will also examine different understandings of God and religion, and how belief can be expressed and experienced through practices such as prayer.	This unit explores how people express their religious beliefs through worship, sacred places, community life, and daily practices. Students will investigate the diversity of religion in the UK, the impact faith has on individuals and society, and how both traditional and new religious movements shape belief and identity.	This unit explores the importance of the Patriarchs and key figures in Judaism, and how their teachings and covenants continue to influence Jewish beliefs and practices today. Students will investigate Jewish identity, festivals, and food laws, considering how faith and tradition shape Jewish life and community.	This unit explores the life, teachings, and significance of Jesus within Christianity, examining beliefs about the Messiah, Incarnation, and Trinity. Students will investigate how Jesus' parables, miracles, virtues and sacraments such as baptism continue to influence Christian belief and practice today.	This unit explores the central events of Holy Week and their significance for Christian belief, focusing on the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. Students will examine how these events shape Christian understandings of sin, salvation, life after death and ongoing faith in the modern world.	This unit explores the importance of belief in one God in Islam and how this shapes Muslim beliefs, practices, and identity. Students will study key beliefs about Allah.
Vocabulary	Religion, belief, worldview, ultimate question, God, prayer, faith, spirituality, theism, atheism	Religion, worship, sacred, community, pilgrimage, faith, belief, tradition, denomination, secularism	Patriarch, covenant, Abraham, Moses, Judaism, Torah, Pesach, Sukkot, Rosh Hashanah, Kosher	Jesus, messiah, incarnation, trinity, parable, miracle, baptism, gospel, disciple, salvation	Holy Week, covenant, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, salvation, sin, Judas Iscariot, Holy Communion, eternal life	Islam, Allah, Tawhid, Muhamma, prophet, Qur'an, Shahadah, Five Pillars, Ramadan, Zakah
Assessment	Extended Critical Writing: How Significant is RS? End of topic knowledge test: multiple choice, short answer responses	Extended Critical Writing: How Important is the Church Today? End of topic knowledge test: multiple choice, short answer responses	Extended Critical Writing: Why are the Patriarchs Significant? End of topic knowledge test: multiple choice, short answer questions	Extended Critical Writing: Why is Belief in Jesus as Messiah Important to Christians? End of topic knowledge test:	Extended Critical Writing: How Significant is Jesus' Crucifixion Today? End of topic knowledge test: multiple choice, short answer questions	Extended Critical Writing: How Similar are Understandings of God Across the Abrahamic Faiths? End of topic knowledge test:

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Curriculum Thread	Worldviews, Ultimate Questions, ideas of existence, faith and meaning	Faith and meaning, worship, sacred spaces	Beliefs and teachings, practices, sources of authority, influential figures, faith and meaning	Beliefs and teachings, sources of authority, faith and meaning, influential figures	Beliefs and teachings, sources of authority, practice, influential individuals, attitudes towards life after death	Beliefs and teachings, practices, worship, influential figures, faith and meaning
Wider Reading	<p>'The Usborne Book of World Religions' - Susan Meredith</p> <p>'What is Religion?' - Trevor Barnes</p> <p>'The Boy at the Back of the Class' - Onjali Q. Raúf</p>	<p>'A Beginner's Guide to Religion' - Tim Dowley</p> <p>'Religion and Beliefs for KS3' - Les Huddart and Fiona Moss</p> <p>'The Breadwinner' - Deborah Ellis</p>	<p>'My Jewish Faith' - Dorothy R. Freedman</p> <p>'Judaism' - Clive Lawton</p> <p>'Tamar's Bracelet' - Carol Ann Duffy</p>	<p>'Who was Jesus?' - Norman Bancroft Hunt</p> <p>'Christianity' - Clive Lawton</p> <p>'The Boy Who Met Jesus' - Imogen Clark</p>	<p>'The Easter Story' - Brian Wildsmith</p> <p>'Christianity: The Basics' - Philip Kennedy</p> <p>'Wonder' - R.J. Palacio</p>	<p>'What do We Believe?' - Katherine Hardine</p> <p>'Islam: Beliefs and Practices' - Fiona Dunlop</p> <p>'Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet' - Zanib Mian</p>