

Hartford Church of England High School – Year 11 Religious Studies [AQA]

Year 11	HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
Topic(s)	Theme B: Religion and Life – Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies	Theme D: War, Peace and Conflict – Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies	Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment – Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies	Paper 1 Revision – The Study of Religions: Christianity and Islam	Paper 2 Revision – Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies: Themes A, B, D, E	
Focus	This unit explores how religious and scientific ideas interact in debates about the origins and value of life, ethical decision making, and humanity's responsibility towards the world. Students will examine how beliefs influence responses to environmental issues, abortion, euthanasia, and beliefs about death and the afterlife, while developing skills of evaluation and ethical reasoning.	This unit explores religious teachings on peace, conflict, and justice, and how these beliefs influence response to war, violence, terrorism, and peace-making in the modern world. Students will develop the ability to evaluate ethical dilemmas by applying religious perspectives to real world issues of conflict and reconciliation.	This unit explores how religious and secular ideas influence attitudes towards crime, punishment, and justice, including the moral questions surrounding good and evil, different types of crime, and how offenders should be treated. Students will evaluate competing viewpoints on justice, forgiveness, and punishment in contemporary society.	This unit develops understanding of the core beliefs, teachings, and practices of Islam and Christianity, exploring how faith is shaped through scripture, authority, worship, and lived expression. Students evaluate how belief systems influence identity, community, and ethical living across different traditions.	This unit develops understanding of how religious and non-religious worldviews shape human relationships, ethical decision making, and responses to major moral issues such as life, conflict and justice. Students evaluate how beliefs influence attitudes towards family, the value of life, peace, and punishment in modern society.	
Vocabulary	Big Bang, evolution, creation, stewardship, dominion, sanctity of life, quality of life, abortion, euthanasia, afterlife	Peace, justice, forgiveness, reconciliation, violence, terrorism, war, pacifism, Just War Theory, Holy War	Crime, justice, evil, intention, motive, punishment, retribution, deterrence, reformation, forgiveness	Tawhid, risalah, prophethood, revelation, Qur'an, Trinity, incarnation, salvation, sacrament, worship	Sexuality, cohabitation, sanctity of life, quality of life, stewardship, pacifism, Just War Theory, forgiveness, deterrence, reformation	
Assessment	Exam Style Questions: 1 mark, 1 mark, 4-mark, 6-mark, 12-	Exam Style Questions: 1 mark, 1 mark, 4-mark, 6-mark, 12-	Exam Style Questions: 1 mark, 1 mark, 4-mark, 6-mark, 12-	Exam Style Questions [Mixed]	Exam Style Questions [Mixed]	

	mark questions [Full paper 1]	mark questions [½ paper 2)	mark questions [Full paper 1 and 2]		
Curriculum Thread	Beliefs and teachings, ethics, environment, faith and meaning, contemporary moral issues	Beliefs and teachings. ethics, conflict, faith and meaning, contemporary moral issues	Beliefs and teachings, ethics, law and order, faith and meaning, contemporary moral issues	Beliefs and teachings. Practices, sources of authority, identity, morality	Beliefs and teachings, ethics, contemporary moral issues, relationships, environment, conflict, law and order
Wider Reading	<p>'A Really Short History of Nearly Everything' - Bill Bryson</p> <p>'What is Humanism' - Michael Rosen and Annemarie Young</p> <p>'Never Let Me Go' - Kazuo Ishiguro</p>	<p>'The Better Angels of Our Nature' - Steven Pinker</p> <p>'The Story of Peace: A Global History of Nonviolence' - Charles F. Howlett and Sanie E. Cooper</p> <p>'The Kite Runner' - Khaled Hosseini</p>	<p>'The Prisoner Society: Power, Adaptation and Social Life in an English Prison' - Ben Crewe</p> <p>'Understanding Desistance from Crime' - Lesley McAra and Susan McVie</p> <p>'To Kill a Mockingbird' - Harper Lee</p>	<p>'Islam: A Very Short Introduction' - Malise Ruthven</p> <p>'A History of the Bible: The Book and Its Faiths' - John Barton</p> <p>'The Kite Runner' - Khaled Hosseini</p>	<p>'A Really Short History of Nearly Everything' - Bill Bryson</p> <p>'What is Humanism' - Michael Rosen and Annemarie Young</p> <p>'To Kill a Mockingbird' - Harper Lee</p>