



# Eastbrook School

## KS 4 Curriculum Summary – Religious Studies

The information below gives an overview of the topics that your child will be studying in Religious Studies during years 9, 10 and 11. It also outlines how you can support your child to enrich and extend their learning outside of school.

<b>Year 9</b> – In Y9 students are introduced to the broad attitudes and beliefs of the major world faiths.		
<b>Autumn term</b>	<b>Spring term</b>	<b>Summer term</b>
<b>Topics and themes</b>	<b>Topics and themes</b>	<b>Topics and themes</b>
<b>Religion, Family and Relationships</b> Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexuality</li> <li>• Marriage</li> <li>• Contraception</li> <li>• Divorce and Remarriage</li> <li>• Gender Equality</li> </ul> All aspects are studied through a combination of the 6 main faiths	<b>The origins of religion.</b> Students will explore where and how the main faiths originated.	<b>Key Principles of the main faiths.</b> Students will explore, compare and contrast the main features of some or all of the main world faiths
<b>Useful websites</b>		
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<b>Other ways to support learning</b>		
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<b>Year 10</b> – In Year 10 students focus more closely on the GCSE course and content		
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<b>Topics and themes</b>	<b>Topics and themes</b>	<b>Topics and themes</b>
<b>Christianity – Beliefs</b> <b>The Existence of God and Revelation</b> Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature of God</li> <li>• Religion versus Science</li> <li>• Arguments for and against the existence of God</li> <li>• Special revelation</li> <li>• General Revelation</li> </ul> All aspects are studied through a combination of the 6 main faiths	<b>Judaism – Practices</b> <b>Religion and Life</b> Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The origins of life</li> <li>• The creation story</li> <li>• Scientific and religious truth</li> <li>• The sanctity of life – abortion and euthanasia</li> <li>• Animal rights</li> <li>• Beliefs about the afterlife</li> <li>• The value of the world – climate change and environmental issues</li> </ul> All aspects are studied through a combination of the 6 main faiths	<b>Christianity – Beliefs</b> <b>Religion, Family and Relationships</b> Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexuality</li> <li>• Marriage</li> <li>• Contraception</li> <li>• Divorce and Remarriage</li> <li>• Gender Equality</li> </ul> All aspects are studied through a combination of the 6 main faiths

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**Year 11** – In Year 11 students focus on revision and the application of knowledge to the examination

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-Judaism – Practices -Religion, Crime and Punishment Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causes of crime</li> <li>• Treatment of criminals</li> <li>• Forgiveness</li> <li>• The nature and origins of evil</li> <li>• Corporal Punishment</li> <li>• Capital Punishment</li> </ul>	Exam Preparation for all previous themes and topics	Exam

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