

Year 10 – AQA Religious Studies GCSE shortcourse

Half term	Autumn HT1	Autumn HT2	Spring HT1	Spring HT2	Summer HT1	Summer HT2
Topic	Section A: Christian beliefs and teachings	Section A: Buddhist beliefs and teachings	Section B: Relationships and families	Section B: Religion, peace and conflict	Revision	Revision and final exam <i>Intro to GCSE Citizenship course ahead of Y11</i>
Learning objectives	<p>Explain about the nature of God, including the belief that God is omnipotent, loving and just.</p> <p>Explain the problem of evil and suffering.</p> <p>Explain the Christian belief in the Oneness of God and the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Explain different Christian beliefs about creation, including beliefs about the Word and Spirit from Genesis 1:1-3 and John 1:1-3.</p> <p>Explain different Christian beliefs about the afterlife and their importance, including resurrection, life after death, judgement, heaven and hell.</p> <p>Explain Christian beliefs and teachings about the incarnation and Jesus as Son of God.</p>	<p>Explain the circumstances of the Buddha's birth and how his life of luxury growing up influenced his teachings.</p> <p>Explain the Buddha's encounter with the Four Sights (illness, old age, death and holy man), and its significance.</p> <p>Explain how the Buddha lived as an ascetic, how this later influenced his teachings, and how he achieved enlightenment.</p> <p>Explain the Buddha's teachings about the Four Noble Truths: suffering (dukkha); the causes of suffering (samudaya) including the three poisons; the end of suffering (tanha); and the Eightfold Path (magga) or threefold way.</p> <p>Explain the concept of Dhamma.</p>	<p>Compare Christian and Buddhist beliefs and teachings about: Human sexuality including: heterosexual and homosexual relationships.</p> <p>The nature and purpose of marriage.</p> <p>Divorce, including reasons for divorce, and remarrying.</p> <p>Ethical arguments related to divorce, including those based on the sanctity of marriage vows and compassion.</p> <p>Sexual relationships before and outside of marriage.</p> <p>Same-sex marriage and cohabitation.</p> <p>Contraception and family planning.</p> <p>The nature of families including: the role of parents and children, extended families and the nuclear family.</p>	<p>Explain Christian beliefs about the meaning AND significance of peace.</p> <p>Explain Christian beliefs about the meaning AND significance of justice.</p> <p>Explain Christian beliefs about the meaning AND significance of forgiveness.</p> <p>Explain Christian beliefs about the meaning AND significance of reconciliation.</p> <p>Explain Christian beliefs and teachings about violence.</p> <p>Explain Christian beliefs and teachings about terrorism.</p> <p>Explain reasons for war, including self-defence, retaliation and greed</p> <p>Explain Christian beliefs about the above reasons.</p>	<p>Revision of all prior learning with a focus on exam skills.</p>	

	<p>Explain Christian beliefs and teachings about the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.</p> <p>Explain Christian beliefs and teachings about sin, including original sin.</p> <p>Explain Christian beliefs and teachings about the means of salvation, including by law, grace and Spirit.</p>	<p>Explain the concept of dependent arising.</p> <p>Explain Buddhist teachings about the three marks of existence: suffering (dukkha), impermanence (anicca) and no fixed self (anatta).</p> <p>Explain how the human personality is thought to be made up of five aggregates in Theravada Buddhism.</p> <p>Explain the concepts of sunyata, Buddha-nature and Buddhahood in Mahayana Buddhism.</p> <p>Explain the differences between Arhats and Bodhisattvas.</p> <p>Explain how Pure Land Buddhists believe they can attain Buddhahood and achieve enlightenment.</p>	<p>The purpose of families, including: procreation, stability and the protection of children, educating children in a faith.</p> <p>Contemporary family issues including: same-sex parents and polygamy.</p> <p>The roles of men and women</p> <p>Gender equality</p> <p>Gender prejudice and discrimination including examples.</p>	<p>Explain beliefs and teachings and Just War Theory and the criteria.</p> <p>Explain Christian beliefs and teachings about Holy War.</p> <p>Explain different viewpoints (including religious) to WMD.</p> <p>Evaluate why some people believe religion starts wars</p> <p>Explain Christian responses to victims of war using a present day example</p> <p>Explain religious beliefs and teachings about peace using an example of a religious leader e.g. Martin Luther King.</p> <p>Explain Buddhist beliefs and teaching about peace</p> <p>Explain Buddhist beliefs and teachings about violence</p> <p>Explain Buddhist beliefs and teachings about WMD</p>		
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 and 5 mark Q • 12 mark Q • Key terms test • End-of-unit assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 and 5 mark Q • 12 mark Q • Key terms test • Mock exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 and 5 mark Q • 12 mark Q • Key terms test <p>End-of-unit assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 and 5 mark Q • 12 mark Q • Key terms test <p>End-of-unit assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key terms tests • Practice exam Qs • Practice papers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key terms tests • Practice exam Qs