

Religious Studies Curriculum Overview - Year 8

	Unit	Details
Autumn One	What is Judaism?	Students will build on the skills they learned last year by applying them to a new World Religion: Judaism. Assessing key beliefs and practices, they will revisit concepts like views on the nature of God, Pilgrimage sites, festivals and rites of passage.
Autumn Two		
Spring One	Why is there Suffering in the World?	Students will analyse religious and non-religious views on why suffering exists including introducing Buddhist beliefs that will be built on later this year. They will also consider how suffering can be alleviated through concepts like forgiveness and charity.
Spring Two	How is Religion presented in the Media?	Students will look at how religion is represented in TV & film as well as how the use of different forms of media can be used to spread religious messages both positively and negatively.
Summer One	What is Buddhism?	Students will build on prior knowledge of Dharmic faiths to understand Buddhism's key practices and beliefs.
Summer Two	Is Freedom of Religion really a Human Right?	Students will apply their knowledge of world faiths to challenging ethical questions whilst contemplating whether freedom of religious expression is truly a human right in a world with problems such as censorship and extremism.