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| Year 9: Philosophy | Curriculum Intent: Students will develop a firm understanding of the beliefs, teachings and practices of the two largest world religions: Christianity and Islam. An exploration of Christian teachings and sources before studying 'Religion, philosophy and ethics in the modern world from a Christian perspective' in Year 10 prepares students for engaging in more complex discussions in philosophical debates. Students will build up the core knowledge needed, supporting this with sources of wisdom and authority and real-life examples of Christians and Muslims in the world today. Students will be introduced to the layout of the Christianity and Islam exam papers this year including the assessment objectives and command words used for each question. | | | | |  |
| | Term 1 | | Term 2 | | Term 3 | |
| Topic Titles (in order of delivery) | Christian Beliefs and Teachings | | Christian Practices | Islamic Beliefs and Teachings | | Islamic Practices |
| Key knowledge / Retrieval topics | The nature of God The concept of God as a Trinity of persons Biblical accounts of Creation The problem of evil and suffering and a loving and righteous God | Jesus Christ The incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension The concept of salvation Eschatological beliefs and teachings | Worship Sacraments Prayer The role and importance of pilgrimage Celebrations The role of the Church in the local community Mission The role of the Church in the wider world | Core beliefs Nature of Allah Prophethood (Risalah) Books (Kutub) | Angels (Malaikah) Eschatological beliefs Life after death (Aakhirah) | The importance of practices Public acts of worship Private acts of worship Zakah Sawm Hajj Festivals and special days Jihad |
| Understanding / Sequence of delivery | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The nature of God 2. Different views on the nature of God 3. The Trinity 4. Do all Christians believe in the Trinity? 5. The Nicene Creed 6. Genesis 1-3 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus' life 2. Jesus' titles 3. Jesus' teachings 4. The Lord's Prayer 5. Jesus' examples 6. Different beliefs about Jesus. 7. The incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension 8. The Apostles' Creed | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communal worship 2. Liturgical worship 3. Services in different Christian denominations 4. Non-liturgical worship 5. The Eucharist 6. Baptism 7. Types of prayer | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Islam 2. The Six Articles of Faith 3. The Five roots of Usul ad-Din 4. Nature of Allah 5. The Prophets 6. Muhammad's life 7. The revelation of the Qur'an | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The angels 2. Predestination 3. Different Islamic understandings of predestination and free will 4. Barzakh 5. The Day of Judgement 6. Heaven 7. Hell | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The importance of practices 2. Shahadah 3. Salah 4. Wudu 5. Rak'ahs 6. Jumu'ah prayer 7. Shi'a prayer 8. Du'a' 9. Prayer beads 10. Zakah 11. Sadaqah 12. Khums |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Different interpretations of the Creation story 8. Evil and sin 9. Natural and moral evil 10. The Theodicies 11. What do Christians think about evil and suffering? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Different Christian beliefs about the incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension 10. The concept of salvation 11. Different Christian views about salvation 12. Apocalyptic ideas in the Early Church 13. Life after death 14. Heaven and hell 15. Purgatory 16. Different Christian beliefs about life after death | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Lourdes 9. Jerusalem 10. Walsingham 11. Rome 12. Advent and Christmas 13. Easter 14. Rites of passage 15. Christian marriage and funerals 16. How Church communities support families 17. The World Council of Churches 18. The mission of the Church 19. Ecumenicalism 20. Christian aid agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Muhammad as the 'Seal of Prophets' 9. Sources of authority | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Martyrdom in Islam 9. The impact of these teachings upon Muslims | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Sawm 14. Hajj 15. What does Hajj mean for Muslims? 16. Id-ul-Adha 17. Id-ul-Fitr 18. Id-ul-Ghadeer 19. Ashura 20. Islamic festivals in non-Muslim countries 21. Jihad |
| Assessment | ½ Christianity paper – 30 marks | ½ Christianity paper – 30 marks | Full Christianity paper – 63 marks | ½ Islam paper – 30 marks | ½ Islam paper – 30 marks | Full Islam paper – 63 marks |