

# Religious and Philosophical Studies (RPS) – YEAR 8 LEARNING JOURNEY

Wk No	Date	Unit Title	Key Construct	Component Knowledge	Enquiry Q (Devon Agreed Syllabus)	Assessment	
1	4.09	<b>8.1 Ethics and Morality</b>	P2. <b>Moral and ethical issues</b> are influenced by religious and non-religious beliefs	Morality can be absolute (never changing) or relative (depending on the circumstances). The book of <i>Genesis</i> , in the Bible, describes how and why God intentionally created everything. Stewardship is the belief that humans are the caretakers of the earth. Sanctity of Life is the belief that all life is sacred (because it is God-given).	3.3 Why are people <b>good and bad</b> ?  3.2 Should Christians be <b>greener</b> than everyone else?	Moral code [5]	
2	11.09						
3	18.09						
4	25.09						
5	02.10						
6	9.10						
7	16.10					'Religion makes people good'? [6]	
Half term							
8	30.10	8.1 cont...	P2 cont...	Many people believe that animals should have the rights to live free from human exploitation and abuse.			
9	6.11	<b>8.2 Sources of Authority</b>	R1. <b>Sources of authority</b> are interpreted for wisdom and guidance.	A source of authority can consist of wisdom (knowledge) and prophecy (predictions) about the world. Prophets deliver messages which can be announcements and denouncements. Jonah, Muhammad (pbuh), Shane Claibourne and Maria Gomez are all religious prophets. Prophets could be non-religious, for example David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg	3.4 Does the world need <b>prophets</b> today?	Sacred texts [6]	
10	13.11					Data entry (in books)	
11	20.11						
12	27.11						
13	4.12						
14	11.12						
CHRISTMAS							
15	2.01	8.2 cont...	R1. cont...	Religious texts are often treated differently to regular texts because they are sources of authority.		Prophets [8]	
16	8.01						
17	15.01	<b>8.3 Life After Death</b>	P3. Religious and non-religious philosophy aims to...	Some people believe in souls exist (dualists) and others do not (materialists). Christians, Muslims and Jews believe in a linear life which starts as physical and then becomes spiritual after death Hindus, Buddhists and Sikhs believe in a cyclic life which means a soul has multiple lives in multiple bodies	3.15 How far does it make a difference if you believe in <b>life after death</b> ?	Life after death philosophies [6]	
18	22.01						
19	29.01						
20	5.02						
Half term							
21	19.02	8.3 cont...	... answer unanswerable questions about the world.	Heaven is a place where good souls go as a reward and hell is a place for bad souls to be punished. Funerals are rituals performed after a person has died to remember their life and send them to the afterlife.		Funerals/Memorials [9]	
22	26.02						
23	4.03						
24	11.03	<b>8.4 Buddhist Beliefs &amp; Teachings</b>	R2. <b>Beliefs and teachings</b> are what form the basis of a religion.	Buddhism focuses on finding the middle way which is a life between your desires or indulgences and suffering. The Buddha is not a god, he was a human prince who attained enlightenment roughly 2500 years ago.	3.8 <b>The Buddha</b> : how and why do his experiences...	Life of the Buddha [6]	
25	18.03					Data entry (in books)	
26	27.03						
EASTER							
27	17.04	<b>8.4 continued</b> ... ~Annual Exams~	R2. <b>Beliefs and teachings</b> are what form the basis of a religion.	Buddhist teaching aims to teach Buddhists the roots of suffering and how it can be overcome. Buddhists believe nothing is permanent and we cause suffering by craving material things. Enlightenment ends suffering by breaking our attachment to material things.	...teachings have meaning for people today?	Exam Prep	
28	24.04					Exam Prep	
29	02.05					Annual Exams	
30	08.05					Annual Exams	
31	15.05						
32	22.05					Dhamma [8]	
Half term							
33	05.06	<b>8.5 Jewish Beliefs and Teachings</b>	R2. <b>Beliefs and teachings</b> are what form the basis of a religion.	Judaism consists of 613 commandments given to Moses, this is called the Mitzvot. There are two covenants with God, one made by Abraham and one made by Moses which Jews today are still expected to uphold. Rabbis are responsible for guiding and teaching Jews today. Jews worship every Friday by having Shabbat dinner followed by a day of rest (Sabbath). Anti-Semitism is still a problem for today's Jews as they experience prejudice and discrimination.	3.11 What is good and what is challenging about being a <b>Jewish</b> teenager in the UK today?	Exam RAP	
34	12.06					Exam RAP	
35	19.06					Abraham and Moses [8]	
36	23.06					Data entry (in books)	
37	03.07						
38	10.07						
39	17.07	Activities week					

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