Religious Education at The **Howard** School

YEAR 13

New chapter and adventures

- To what extent does religious language have purpose?
- Are religious experiences authentic or credible?
- Are we predestined for heaven/hell?
- Should a moral code apply to animals too?
- To what extent should we purse pleasure?
- Is morality black and white?
- How successful is science at challenging religious faith?
- Is Britain still a Christian country?
- Are men and women truly equal in Christianity?
- What role do women have in Christianity and how has this changed?
- What are the challenges of migration in Christianity?
- What are the dangers of wealth?

- Should we disregard myths?
- To what extent is language useful in expressing the metaphysical?
- Are all our choices pre-determined?
- Is freewill an illusion?
- Should love drive our moral choices?
- What is the purpose of Christianity?
- Why are rites of passage so important?
- Which religion is right?
- What's more important faith or works?
- How has the community of Christianity changed?
- What is the key moral principle of Christianity?
- To what extent should the Bible be a source of authority?
- Is God female?
- What are the implications of male centred language in the Bible?
- Can God suffer?
- Why is the incarnation important?

YEAR 12

- What does it mean to be Good?
- How should we behave?
- Which moral system is the best?
- Can we ever be altruistic?
- What does it mean to be virtuous?
- How can moral systems apply to abortion/ homosexuality/ immigration?
- Does our existence prove the existence of an intelligent being?
- Can there be anything greater than God?
- Is evil just the absence of good?
- Does the accuracy of the birth narratives matter?
- Is it our duty to obey rules that are commanded by God?
- What is natural law?
- To what extent does the cosmological argument stand up against criticism?
- What is the paradox of suffering?
- Is religion a neurosis?
- How has atheism changed?

- Should we show dominance towards the natural world?
- Should we all be vegetarian?
- Do we have a soul? What are the implications for us if we do?
- Is it acceptable to clone animals?
- What does a good quality of life mean?
- Should euthanasia be legalised in the UK?
- What is euthanasia?
- What happens when we die?
- What are the rights of the father?
- Should abortion should be legalised for any reason
- When does life begin?
- How has the church grown?
- Is evangelism needed any more?
- Why is prayer important?
- Which is the most important festival and why?
- Why is holy communion so important?
- What is the significance of sacraments?
- Why do Christians go on pilgrimage?
- Why are there different styles of worship in Christianity?

YEAR 11

- We have a duty to show stewardship to the world
- Does the sanctity of life apply to animals?
- Are we superior to animals?
- How should we treat the world around us?
- What is the origin of human life?
- Should the UK law on abortion change?
- Is abortion ever acceptable?
- What does the church do?
- What Buddhists celebrations are there?
- What is Metta important to Buddhists?
- What is meditation and why's it useful?
- How do Buddhists worship?
- How does a temple aid Buddhist practise?
- Can war ever be justified?
- Why is there an arms race?
- Is disarmament a sign of weakness?
- Is reconciliation possible after conflict?
- What role does Jesus have in salvation?
- Why is the incarnation important to Christians?
- What does the Bible say about creation?
- What do Christians believe happens when we die and what impact does this have on their every day?
- How is the resurrection important today?
- What do Christians think God is like?
- What is the trinity?
- Can war ever be justified?

YEAR 10

- What do Buddhists believe happens when we die and what impact does this have on their every day?
- Is everything impermanent?
- Are science and religion in conflict?
- What causes Dukkah?
- What is the most important aim of punishment?
- To what extent is capital punishment a deterrent?
- Is a moral code a sign of a civilised society?
- Does the happiness of the majority take precedent with moral decisions?
- How can we know God?
- What arguments are there for and against miracles?
- Is our existence prove of God – his power and love?
- Can God exist if there is suffering?
- Does everything have a first cause? Is God a first cause?
- Is justice possible after crimes are committed?
- How does the 4 Noble Truths influence Buddhists?
- What is God like?
- How do we know what is morally right and wrong?
- Why is religious identity important?
- How might diet be affected by your religious beliefs?
- Should we experiment on animals?
- What are the moral implications of genetic engineering?
- How is Tawhid reflected in the practices of Muslims?
- What are the 5 pillars of Islam and why are the important today to Muslims?
- Consider and address the misconceptions Muslims face e.g. Jihad/ Halal
- To what extent is forgiveness viable when it comes to crime?
- Does capital punishment align itself with religious values?
- Is corporal punishment morally acceptable?
- What is the purpose of punishment?
- Are we born bad?
- To what extent is it the responsibility of religious believers help those who suffer?
- How do Buddhists/ Christians/ Muslims respond to suffering?
- Does suffering have a purpose?
- What causes suffering? What's the difference between natural and moral suffering?
- What happens when sport and religion clash?
- Is football a religion?
- To what extent is sport unfair?
- How do we define religion?

YEAR 9

- Addressing the misconceptions of religious diet.
- Why are some people against blood transfusions or organ donation?
- Who is Muhammad (pbuh) and what are his contributions to Islam?
- What do Muslims believe happens when we die?
- What type of punishment is most effective and why?
- How is suffering a challenge to God's existence?
- How should those who take performance enhancing drugs be punished?
- Is there an immoral way to spend our time?
- Why is Buddha important?
- How are the 4 Nobel truths important to Buddhists today?
- What do Buddhists believe happens when we die?
- To what extent is it important to address misconceptions within religion? e.g. dress/ diet/ war
- What's the best method of conflict resolution?
- To what extent can the Just War Theory be used in modern warfare?
- Consider arguments for an against the possession of WMD
- Explore the causes and consequences of war
- Addressing misconceptions of religion and war including terrorism, jihad and pacifism
- Consider arguments for and against pacifism
- To what extent should we support victims of war?
- What is evangelism? Is it appropriate/ necessary?
- Why is the role of a disciple? How are they influential?
- Why are there so many different types of Christians?
- What is a sacrament? How are they important in the lives of Christians?
- How is the trinity important to Christians?
- Was are the events of Holy Week and how are they significant to Christians?
- What are miracles? Arguments for and against them
- What is Rosh Hashanah? How important is reflection and history in religious festivals today?
- What is Holi and Diwali? Is it appropriate to use the celebration of festivals out of context?
- Students consider the authorship and symbolism of the Nativity story. Is Christmas too commercialised?
- Understand the broad nature of religious belief and practices. What is RE and why do we study it?
- Is pacifism cowardice or morally superior?
- Was Jesus a rebel or a radical?
- How important are parables for Christians today?
- Addressing the misconceptions of religious dress? Is it oppressive?
- What are the 5 precepts ?
- What are the 3 marks of existence?
- How are the eightfold path important?
- What are the different Eid celebrations? How do these practices link to Muslim beliefs and create a global community?
- What is Wesak and why is it significant to Buddhists today? How are ceremonies symbolic?
- What makes Sikh celebrations so unique and grounded in their practices?
- What are festivals and why are they important?
- Introduction to the importance of religious literacy

YEAR 7

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