Curriculum Intent Framework

Subject:	Religious Education
Subject	At the Bishops' High we want pupils to explore different religious faiths and worldviews and we
Curriculum	consistently promote a love of learning about these. Through lessons that allow students to explore the
Vision:	deeper significance of belonging to a faith, students are well-equipped for living in a multi-cultural
	society. We hope that students are able to be tolerant and respectful of beliefs that differ to their own.
	Religious Education helps our students to grow personally and spiritually.



Core Subject Principles:

Dignity and Respect	Through varied schemes of learning, our students are able to develop a sense of dignity and pride in themselves and to then treat others in that same manner. Through work which spans from actually going out and volunteering in the local community to understanding the impact of faith on the lives of believers, our students are aware of the impact that they make on the lives of others. Respect forms a vital role in Religious Education. We encourage students to foster the quality of respect through learning about other beliefs and cultures. Students have the opportunity to ask questions about faith and worldviews in a constructive and inquisitive manner. Students are asked to think deeply about why belief is so important to people and compare it to beliefs that they hold dear to themselves.
Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills	Students are given the opportunity to build upon their learning from previous years and consider the value of religious belief and worldviews. We seek to develop pupils' ability to look deeper than what they see in the media about other faiths. Students are taught to make judgements based on knowledge and refrain from judging if they do not have this knowledge. Students are given opportunities throughout the curriculum to ask 'big questions' about life and beyond. Over their school life, students build upon their previous knowledge and revisit content and concepts in order to secure a deep understanding. Gaining knowledge starts with learning basic information and moves to later evaluating faith and worldviews. Students are given the opportunities to acquire a variety of learning skills as well as personal skills that encourage students to strive to achieve their best possible outcomes.
Hope and Aspiration	Through our lessons and Schemes of Learning we embed a culture of hope. Students consider what hope they can give to others and how communities can inspire others to bring about hope. Within their learning, students are guided to keep a positive and optimistic mindset even when they find the work challenging. Our students are reminded that they are all able to achieve beyond their expectations. As a department, we place great focus on showing how target grades do not make a student who they are, but their determination to succeed to a level that they can be proud of. Teachers in the department are passionate about supporting students to achieve and see beyond their 7-year journey and aspire to achieve for their futures, including the world of work. Our schemes of learning truly prepare students for living life in all its fullness.
Extra-Curricular	Students have access to a range of opportunities across their Bishops' journey. There are visits to places of worship, opportunities to engage with social action projects in the local community and a trip to Rome to be taken in 2024.

KS3

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	Introduction to RE and the Indian/semitic traditions Does God exist?	What does it mean to belong? What does it mean to be a person of faith?	Where in the world is Christianity?	Did Jesus really rise from the dead?	Where do people go to find affirmation of faith?	What happens when faith and courage collide? (Archbishop of York Award)
Year 8	Is it fair?	Do sacred texts enable individuals and groups to support faith and respond in times of crisis?	Where in the world is Islam?	What does it mean to be a good steward in the 21 st Century?	Is death the end?	Where is God?
Year 9	How visible are religious beliefs and worldviews?	Do sacred texts enable individuals and groups to support faith and respond in times of crisis?	Where in the world is Islam? Commemorating the Holocaust	Where is God?	Can conflict ever be justified?	What is the impact of difference and diversity on faith communities?

KS4

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	Finish relationships and
	Crime and	Finish Crime and	Finish religion and	Finish Buddhist	Finish Buddhist	families
	punishment	punishment	life	beliefs & teachings	practices	Start human rights and
		Start religion and	Start Buddhist	Start Buddhist	Start relationships and	social justice
		life	beliefs & teachings	practices	families	
Year 11	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	Exams
	Religion, peace and	Religion, peace and	Religion, peace and	God and revelation	God and revelation	
	conflict	conflict	conflict			
	(Non-examined)	(Non-examined)		(Non-examined)	(Non-examined)	
			(Non-examined)			

KS5

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 12	Design argument	Cosmological	Religious	Situation Ethics	Applying ethical issues	
	Ontological	argument	experience	Virtue Ethics		
	argument	Problem of evil	Natural Moral Law	Applied ethics		
	Self, Death and the	The Concept of	Good moral	Sources of Wisdom		PPEs
	Afterlife	God	conduct and key	and Authority		Work experience
	The meaning and	Language and its	moral principles			
	purpose of life	limitations in		Religious Expression:	Religious Expression:	
		describing God	Sanctity of Life,	Holy Communion	Baptism and Mission	
			Environment and			
			Just War Theory			
Year 13	Natural Moral Law	Situation Ethics	Virtue Ethics	Applying ethical		
			Applied ethics	issues	Exams	Exams
	Sanctity of Life,	Sources of	Religious	Religious Expression:		
	Environment and	Wisdom and	Expression: Holy	Baptism and Mission		
	Just War Theory	Authority	Communion			