Jewish Education – Mainstream Curriculum

Topics taught			
Year Group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	**UNIT ONE: THE JEWISH YEAR** • How does the Jewish calendar work? • Festivals- who, what, why, when how: • Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur • Sukkot • Hanukkah • Purim • Pesach • Shavuot **UNIT TWO: JEWISH HOME AND FAMILY** • How do symbols and objects make a home Jewish? • A comparison of different styles of mezuzot. • What else makes a home Jewish? Objects, people or history? How doing Jewish rituals in the home, for example kashrut make a home Jewish?	• Why have children? First mitzvah in the Torah. • What are the responsibilities a parent has to a child? • What does it mean to be a good parent? • What are the obligations a father has to his children? • Women in Judaism • What are the responsibilities of the child to the parent? • Kibud and Yirah • How can we be a good sibling and how can we deal with difficult sibling relationships? • Cain and Abel: the first fratricide. • What causes sibling rivalry? Human Issues. **UNIT THREE: THE SYNAGOGUE** • How did the synagogue develop? • What would you find in the synagogue? • How are synagogues different? • Can a synagogue be a bet tefillah, bet Knesset, bet limmud? • People in the synagogue. • Life Cycles in the Synagogue.	**UNIT FOUR: WORLD FAITHS :SIKHISM** • Introduction to Sikhism • Who was Guru Nanak? • Gurus and Martyrs • The 5 K's • The Gudwara • The Guru Granth Sahib • Langar • Khalsa **UNIT FIVE: JUDAISM AND THE WORLD** • Is there a distinctive way of Jews doing good in the world? • What is Tikun Olam? • Chesed • Love Your Neighbour as Yourself • Loving Your Neighbour when it's hard. • Janus Korczak • Kindertransport • Righteous Among the Nations

Year 8	**UNIT ONE: FROM A FAMILY TO A RELIGION** • Introducing Abraham and How to Navigate the Tanakh • Abraham and the Idols • Brit Mila • Welcoming Strangers • Sodom and Gemora • Sara and Hagar • The Binding of Isaac • Who was Joseph? • Joseph the Boy • Joseph the Slave • Joseph the Prince • Joseph and Family Reunited. **UNIT TWO: FROM A RELIGION TO A NATION** • What is Leadership? • Moses' Early Life • Moses as a reluctant Leader • The Burning Bush • The Ten Plagues • Leaving Egypt	• The Giving of the Torah • What do we believe about what happened on Sinai? • Korach • Moses at the Rock • Entering Canaan and establishing a country • Choosing a King • King Saul • David and Goliath • David as King • David and Bathsheba • King Solomon • Solomon's Wisdom • The First Temple • The Destruction of the First Temple and the Babylonian Exile • The Return from Exile and the building of the Second Temple. **<u>UNIT THREE: Christianity</u>** • The Origins of Christianity • The Evangelists • Who was Jesus? • Jesus' Teachings	• Jesus' Timeline • Beliefs about God. • Christian Festivals • The Church • Miracles **<u>UNIT FOUR: MODERN JEWISH HISTORIES</u>** • A Timeline of Jewish History • Medieval Europe - Life in General - The Crusades - Rashi • Poland - Coming to Poland - The Khmelnystky Uprising - The Pale of Settlement and the Rise of Chasidism • The USA - Coming to America - American Reform Judaism - Jews in the Holocaust - American Jews after the Holocaust • Spain - The Golden Age - The Expulsion and the Spanish Inquisition • Iraq - The Gaonim - The Farhud.
Year 9	• **<u>UNIT ONE: Decision Making</u>** • Development of Jewish Law • Halacha in action	**<u>UNIT THREE- ZIONISM UNTIL 1945</u>** • The connection between Judaism and the Land of Israel • Exile, Diaspora and Zion	**<u>UNIT FIVE: ISRAEL AND THE HOLOCAUST</u>** • How did Zionism respond and grow after the Holocaust. • The Role of Britain in the settlement of Holocaust Survivors in Palestine.

	• A Jewish response to ethical issues including[1]: • Abortion • Divorce • Euthanasia • Tattooing and Piercing • Organ donation • Cosmetic Surgery **UNIT TWO: WORLD RELIGIONS HINDUISM** • Introduction to Hinduism • Concepts of God and Creation • Hindu Worship (Puja) • Life Cycle in Hinduism • The Caste System • Varnashramadharma (The nature of human life and society) • Hindu Festivals • Women and Modernity	• The Jewish Presence in the Land during the centuries of Muslim rule. • The Rise of Zionism in C19th Europe. • Zionist Leaders. • Types of Zionism • The World Zionist Congress • The Balfour Declaration • The British Mandate for Palestine. • The Three Aliyot. **UNIT FOUR – LEADERSHIP IN THE HOLOCAUST** • Jewish Life in Europe before the War • Timeline of the Holocaust • What were the Ghettos • The Lodz Ghetto • The Warsaw Ghetto • The Warsaw Ghetto uprising • What were the Camps • Experiencing Auschwitz • Righteous Among the Nations	• The international community's role in establishing the State of Israel. • The link between the Holocaust and the Establishment of the State of Israel. • The role and experience of Holocaust Survivors in the early State of Israel. **INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL TRIP**

[1] Students will study a selection of these ethical issues rather than all of them.

Year Group	What parents can do to support learning	Useful links and reference materials	Revision for end of Year Exam
Year 7	Talk about your own Jewish experiences at home.	jewishvirtuallibrary.org https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/sikhism/	Learn Pink Sheet Questions Use Revision Booklet
Year 8	Go over key Jewish stories with your children.	www.sefaria.org www.bbc.co.uk/religon/religions/christianity/	Learn Pink Sheet Questions Use Revision Booklet
Year 9	Encourage your students to talk about what they think about key issues of the day and in history and why.	https://www.nli.org.il/en https://www.yadvashem.org/	Learn Pink Sheet Questions Use Revision Booklet