Religious Studies

Exam Board & course code			
AQA 8062			
Topics that will be taught			
Year Group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 10	**Judaism: Key Beliefs and Teachings** Within this topic, candidates should show understanding of the key beliefs and sources of authority that underpin the Jewish way of life and influence their behaviour and attitudes. • Jewish concepts of God: • The unity of God; the Shema • God as creator and sustainer. • God as lawgiver and judge • God as redeemer and sanctifier. • The Covenant: • Israel as God's chosen people. • the Covenant and the land – Covenant with Abraham. • The centrality of the Torah (written and oral) to the Covenant. • The Messianic Age and life after death • Key Moral principles	**Judaism: Practices** In this topic, candidates should show understanding of Jewish views on relationships and family life. • Ceremonies associated with birth • Bar/bat mitzvah and bat chayil; • The synagogue • Marriage • Ceremonies associated with death and mourning. • Shabbat • Festivals Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; Pesach. • Dietary laws **Relationships and Family** • Teachings about human sexuality • Jewish attitudes to chastity and to sex outside marriage and sex before marriage • Contraception and family planning • The purposes of Jewish marriage and attitudes to marriage. • Jewish attitudes to divorce and remarriage. • Religious teachings about the nature and purpose of family • Gender Equality	**Religion, Peace and Conflict** • Violent protest and terrorism • Reasons for war • Nuclear War and Weapons of Mass Destruction • The Just War • Holy War • Pacifism and Peacemaking • Religious responses to victims of war **Revision**

Year 11	**Religion and Life** • The origins of the universe • The value of the world • The use and abuse of the environment • The use and abuse of animals • The origins of human life • Abortion • Euthanasia • Death and the afterlife **Religion, Crime and Punishment** • Reasons for crime • Jewish attitudes to lawbreakers and different types of crime • Three aims of punishment • Jewish attitudes to suffering and causing suffering • Jewish attitudes to the punishment of criminals • Jewish attitudes to forgiveness. • Attitudes to the death penalty (capital punishment).	**Islam: Key Beliefs and teachings** • The six articles of faith in Sunni Islam and five roots of Usul ad-Din in Shi'a Islam • The Oneness of God (Tawhid • The nature of God • Angels • Predestination and human freedom and its relationship to the Day of Judgement • Life after death • Prophethood • The holy books • The imamate in Shi'a Islam: its role and significance **Islam Practices** • Five Pillars of Sunni Islam and the Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam • Shahadah • Salah • Sawm • Zakah • Hajj • Jihad • Festivals	**Revision**

What parents can do to support learning	Useful links and reference materials
✓ All revision should be **active** if it's going to be of any use. ✓ Some examples are: ❖ Mind-maps ❖ Key word flashcards ❖ Exam practice questions ❖ Quizlet - follow 'TheJewishEd' ❖ Seneca (students should have a login for this already) ❖ Pink sheet questions practice. ❖ Ask your child to talk through what they have been learning. Talking through their knowledge often helps them confirm what they know and identify what they still need to learn.	• jewishvirtuallibrary.org • jewfaq.org/index.htm • www.chabad.org/ • www.masorti.org.uk/ • www.reformjudaism.org/ • www.theus.org/ • www.unpackededucation.com