Year 12 RE Curriculum Overview

Rationale: The Year 12 A level RE curriculum is follows the WJEC Eduqas A Level specification. Students study three components. Component 1 is an indepth and broad study of Christianity, Component 2 is the study of Philosophy of religion and Component 3 is the study of Religion and ethics. Each component allows students to acquire and develop knowledge and a critical awareness of religious thought, belief and practice and the different ways in which these are expressed in the lives of individuals, communities and societies. Throughout the year students examine how religious texts and other sources of wisdom and authority are interpreted and applied to religious, philosophical and ethical issues. Year 12 is designed to enable students to develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, the study of religion and its place in the wider world.

Term	Outline	Assessment/Teacher	Homework and Literacy resources
		Feedback Opportunities	6 hours of homework per week
Autumn 1	Component 1: Christianity	The assessment	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will
	Students will study:	framework is based on	complete a wide range of homework tasks including:
	Jesus – his birth: Consistency and credibility of the	the following:	
	birth narratives including harmonisation and	Assessment outcome 1:	Pre-reading of information and critical content
	redaction. They will interpret and apply the birth	Demonstrate knowledge	sheets provided by teacher in preparation for
	narratives to the doctrine of the incarnation.	and understanding of key	subsequent lessons.
		concepts, events and	Completion of past exam questions.
	Jesus – his resurrection: The views of Rudolf	figures in Christianity.	Completion of revision resources in preparation
	Bultmann and N.T. Wright on the issue of the		for an assessment/mock exam and to
	resurrection as a historical event. They will	Assessment outcome 2:	consolidate and develop knowledge of previous
	interpret and apply the resurrection of Jesus to	Analyse and evaluate	topics.
	issues of death, the soul and the afterlife	aspects of, and	Revision for tests and Mock examinations.
	Charlente will develop their each dischard	approaches to, religion	Ontional hamawark and literacy recourses
	Students will develop their analytical and	and belief, including	Optional homework and literacy resources:
	evaluative skills as they explore key events in the Christian faith. Students will also have the	their significance and influence in order to:	Christian Theology: An introduction by Alister McGrath
	opportunity to develop their communication skills		
	when sharing ideas during group presentation	• present	The Puzzle of the Gospels by Peter Vardy
	tasks.	argumentsmake judgements	The Birth of the Messiah: A Commentary on the Infancy
	tasks.	draw conclusions	Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke
		draw conclusions	By R E Brown
		Students will complete a	
		30 mark question on the	
		resurrection of Jesus.	

Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.

Component 2: Philosophy

Students will be introduced to Inductive proofs and the concept of 'a posteriori'. They will examine the variations of the cosmological argument and the teleological argument for the existence of God and will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of challenges to these arguments. Students will also be introduced to the origins of the ontological argument.

Students will examine the views of key Philosophical figures such as Thomas Aquinas, William Craig, William Paley and F.R. Tennant and David Hume.

Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge philosophical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.

The assessment framework is based on the following:

Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures.

Assessment outcome 2:
Analyse and evaluate
aspects of, and
approaches to,
philosophy religion and
belief, including
their significance and
influence in order to:

- present arguments
- make judgements draw conclusions

For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including:

- Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons.
- Completion of past exam questions.
- Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics.
- Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

Optional homework and literacy resources:

The Puzzle of God By P Vardy

God and Proof (Philosophy of Religion) By J Lee

The Thinker's Guide to God By P Vardy and J Arliss Students will complete a 30 mark question on the effectiveness of the cosmological argument and variants of this theory. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.

Component 3: Ethics

During this half term students are introduced to key ethical concepts and principles. They will examine a variety of ethical theories such as The Divine command theory, Virtue theory and Ethical egoism. Students will explore the main challenges to these theories and will be able to draw conclusions on the extent of their effectiveness.

Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge ethical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.

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Optional homework and literacy resources:

Ethical Studies, 2 nd Edition By R A Bowie

The Moral Maze By D Cook

		 present arguments make judgements draw conclusions Students will complete a 20 mark question on virtue ethics. They will be tested on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of theories through detailed explanation and use of examples of theories in practice. 	Fletcher's Situation Ethics, SCM Briefly series By D M Daniel
Autumn 2	Component 1: Christianity Students will study the ways in which the Bible is considered authoritative: as a source of moral advice, as a guide to living, as teaching on the meaning and purpose of life and as a source of comfort and encouragement. Students will examine the Christian biblical canon was established and will consider diverse views on the Bible as the inspired word of God. Students will begin to examine message and format of the kerugmata as presented by C. H. Dodd, and will be encouraged to think critically about its historical value.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, events and figures in Christianity. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

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approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to:

- present arguments
- make judgements draw conclusions

Students will complete a 30 mark question on the extent to which the Bible is inspired. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.

Optional homework and literacy resources:

Kerygma and Myth: A Theological Debate by R Bultmann et al

Component 2: Philosophy

Students will continue to learn about the ontological argument and will move on to examine developments of this argument. Students will consider the challenges to the ontological argument and their effectiveness in disproving it. Students will examine the views of key Philosophical figures such as St Anselm, Decartes, Malcolm and Guanilo.

The assessment framework is based on the following:

Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures.

Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate

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Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge philosophical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.

aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to:

- present arguments
- make judgements draw conclusions

Students will complete a 20 mark question on the ontological argument by Decartes. They will be tested on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of theories studied including examples of how they work when applied to different situations.

Students will complete a 30 mark question on the effectiveness of variants of the ontological argument Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on

Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

Optional homework and literacy resources:

Atheism: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions) By J Baggini

The God Delusion By R Dawkins

Component 3: Ethics	their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions. The assessment	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will
During this half term students build on their knowledge of ethical egoism and will move on to study Natural law. They will evaluate the role of laws, precepts, goods and virtues in supporting moral behaviours. Students will use what they have learned to apply natural law to issues of abortion and voluntary euthanasia. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge ethical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks. Wider curriculum experiences- Career link: Students will also have the opportunity to look at the role of a Civil service administrator.	framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: • present arguments • make judgements draw conclusions	 Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: Aquinas' Summa Theologica By D M Daniel Bentham's An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation By D M Daniel
	Students will complete a 30 mark question on the effectiveness and	

		challenges of theories on Natural law. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.	
Spring 1	Component 1: Christianity Students will make a comparison of the work of two key scholars, including their views of Jesus with reference to their different methods of studying Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright. They will examine the effectiveness of the methods of the research chosen by each scholar and use this to determine which scholar's view of Jesus is more accurate. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore key events in the Christian faith. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, events and figures in Christianity. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: present arguments make judgements draw conclusions Students will complete a 20 mark question on the	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: The Historical Jesus: The Life of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant by J D Crossan Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography by J D Crossan

choice of sources used by Crossan. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to show indepth knowledge, explanation and examples in their writing.

Component 2: Philosophy

Students will learn about types of evil: The logical problem of evil from the classical theory to more modern developments. They will examine key responses to the problem of evil including Augustinian and Irenaean type theodicy. Students will analyse and evaluate the degree to which modern problem of evil arguments are effective in proving God's non-existence.

Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge philosophical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.

Students will complete a 2 hour Mock exam under timed conditions, which will assess their knowledge of topics covered so far in component 2 and 3. (Philosophy and Ethics)

For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including:

- Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons.
- Completion of past exam questions.
- Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics.
- Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

Optional homework and literacy resources:

Where Was God: Evil, Theodicy, and Modern Science By G Stillwell

Component 3: Ethics

During this half term students will be introduced to the meaning of situation ethics. They will examine Joseph Fletcher's Situation Ethics, his rejection of other forms of ethics and his acceptance of agape as the basis of morality. Students will be able to critically analyse and evaluate Fetcher's theory in relation to other ethical views.

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- Completion of past exam questions.
- Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics.
- Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

Optional Homework and Literacy resources:

Student friendly overview of Situation Ethics http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org/situational-ethics.htm

Spring 2 Component 1: Christianity

Students will study the issue of male language about God; the pastoral benefits and challenges of the model of Father. They will analyse and evaluate Sallie McFague's arguments on God as Mother. Students will study the modern view of a suffering God illustrated by Jurgen Moltmann. They will develop their understanding of the Trinity and the need for the doctrine of the Trinity. Student will then begin their study of the three main theories of the Atonement and will determine what each suggests about the nature of God.

Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore key events in the

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Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, events and figures in Christianity.

Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including:

- Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons.
- Completion of past exam questions.
- Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics.
- Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

Christian faith. Students will also have the their significance and Optional homework and literacy resources: opportunity to develop their communication skills influence in order to: when sharing ideas during group presentation present arguments The Crucified God: The Cross of Christ as the tasks. make judgements and Foundation and Criticism of Christian Theology draw conclusions By J Moltmann Students will complete a 30 mark question on whether God can suffer. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions. **Component 2: Philosophy** For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will The assessment Students will examine The nature of religious framework is based on complete a wide range of homework tasks including: experience with p reference to: Visions – sensory; the following: Pre-reading of information and critical content intellectual; dreams. Conversion -Assessment outcome 1: sheets provided by teacher in preparation for individual/communal; sudden/gradual. Mysticism -Demonstrate knowledge transcendent; ecstatic and unitive. Prayer – types subsequent lessons. and understanding of key and stages of prayer according to Teresa of Avila. concepts, theories and Completion of past exam questions. philosophical figures. Completion of revision resources in preparation They will be introduced to Mystical experience: for an assessment/mock exam and to William James' four characteristics of mystical Assessment outcome 2: consolidate and develop knowledge of previous experience: ineffable, noetic, transient and passive. Analyse and evaluate topics. aspects of, and Rudolf Otto – the concept of the numinous; Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

approaches to,

belief, including

philosophy religion and

mysterium tremendum; the human predisposition

for religious experience.

Students will be able to put forward challenges to religious experiences and evaluate whether they disprove them.	their significance and influence in order to: present arguments, make judgements and draw conclusions Students will complete a 20 mark question on the different types of mystical experience. They will be tested on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of theories studied including examples of how they work when applied to different situations.	Access to Religious Studies: Religious Experience by P Cole
Component 3: Ethics During this unit students will continue to examine the effectiveness of situation ethics by applying their knowledge of the theory to homosexuality and the use of nuclear weapons. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge ethical theories. Students will also have the	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures.	 For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to

	opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to:	consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: Student friendly overview of Situation Ethics http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org/situational-ethics.htm
		Students will complete a 20 mark question on Bentham's theory of utilitarianism. They will be tested on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of theories studied including examples of how they work when applied to different situations.	
Summer 1	Component 1: Christianity Atonement continues to be the focus of this half term. Students will examine developments of these	The assessment framework is based on the following:	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including:

models and examine common themes in each of them.

Student will move on to look at faith and works and will decide based on biblical evidence the extent to they support Christians in being justified before God.

Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore key events in the Christian faith. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.

Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, events and figures in Christianity.

Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: present arguments make judgements and draw conclusions

Students will complete a 20 mark question explaining Luther's theory on Faith alone. Students will complete this in timed conditions without notes. They will be tested on their ability to show in-depth knowledge, explanation and examples in their writing.

- Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons.
- Completion of past exam questions.
- Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics.
- Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

Optional homework and literacy resources:

Paul and Palestinian Judaism: A Comparison of Patterns of Religion By E P Sanders

Component 2: Philosophy

Students are introduced to Religious belief as a product of the human mind from the perspectives of Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung and will examine the challenges to these ideas and to the evidence presented. Students will then move on to look atheism, specifically New atheism and its criticisms of religion.

Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge philosophical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.

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Assessment outcome 1:
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures.

Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: present arguments, make judgements and draw conclusions

Students will complete a 20 mark question on the challenges of New Atheism. They will be tested on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of theories studied including examples of how they

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- Revision for tests and Mock examinations.

Optional homework and literacy resources:

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	work when applied to different situations.	
Component 3: Ethics Students will examine Mill's theory of Rule utilitarianism. They will use their knowledge to apply this to the idea of animal experimentation for medical research and the use of nuclear weapons as a deterrent. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge ethical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, philosophy religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to:	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: Bentham, Jeremy (2000) - Utilitarianism and Other Essays, Pearson
	effectiveness of	

		utilitarianism when applied to moral issues. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions.	
Summer 2	Component 1: Christianity Students will begin to look at The New Testament community of believers as a model for churches today (with reference to Acts). They will also explore key moral principles in Christianity with a focus on the importance of the teaching: 'Love thy neighbour.' During this half term students will have the opportunity to review their learning of Theme 2 focusing on topics they have found challenging. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore key events in the Christian faith. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, events and figures in Christianity. Assessment outcome 2: Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance and influence in order to: present arguments make judgements and draw conclusions Students will complete a 30 mark question on the importance of 'Love thy neighbour' when compared to other	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: The role and importance of the Church in the community https://www.huffingtonpost.com/pastor-gilford-t-monrose/role-of-the-church b 1896969.html

Component 2: Philosophy Students will spend this unit consolidating their learning so far. Students will apply theories to a range of issues and will have the opportunity to review topics they have found challenging. Students will develop their analytical and evaluative skills as they explore and challenge philosophical theories. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their communication skills when sharing ideas during group presentation tasks.	teachings and principles. They will be tested on their ability to analyse, evaluate and draw reasoned conclusions. Students will complete a 2 hour Mock exam under timed conditions, which will assess their knowledge of topics covered so far in component 2 and 3. (Christianity and Philosophy)	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Completion of revision resources in preparation for an assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop knowledge of previous topics. Revision for tests and Mock examinations. Optional homework and literacy resources: Detailed resources on key themes: http://peped.org/philosophicalinvestigations/teachers/
Component 3: Ethics Students are introduced to naturalism and the idea that objective moral laws exist independently of human beings. They will analyse the strengths and weaknesses of this theory. Student will have the opportunity to review their learning, focusing on topics they have found challenging	The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts, theories and philosophical figures.	For all 3 components of A-level RE Students will complete a wide range of homework tasks including: Pre-reading of information and critical content sheets provided by teacher in preparation for subsequent lessons. Completion of past exam questions. Note-taking in preparation for subsequent lesson.

Assessment outcome 2: Completion of revision resources in preparation for an Analyse and evaluate assessment/mock exam and to consolidate and develop aspects of, and knowledge of previous topics. approaches to, Revision for tests and Mock examinations. philosophy religion and belief, including Preparation for group presentations. their significance and influence in order to: present arguments make judgements draw conclusions Students will complete a 20 mark question on the meta-ethical approach to naturalism. They will be tested on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of theories studied including examples of how they work when applied to different situations.