



YEAR 8 CURRICULUM SUMMARY



When?	Understanding	Knowledge	Assessment
Autumn Half Term 1	<p><u>Unit 1: Creation</u></p> <p>The overall objective of Unit 1 is to ensure pupils have an awareness of the world and humanity as created by God.</p>	<p>Students will explore what we can learn from the creation story including; what we learn about God, what we learn about humans, the different types of sin, how we sin against the world today and the importance of FairTrade.</p> <p>Key words include; benevolent, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, Imago Dei, free will, stewardship, original sin, global warming, climate change.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>Pupils will sit an assessment at the end of the unit which will assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>
Autumn Half Term 2	<p><u>Unit 2: Covenant</u></p> <p>Unit 2 allows the students to explore the human response to God's call to a covenant relationship.</p>	<p>Students will explore key covenants in the Old Testament and the New Testament through looking at key figures such as Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus.</p> <p>Key words include; Prophet, the Ten plagues, Passover, sacrifice, the Ten Commandments, the Torah.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>Pupils will sit an assessment at the end of the unit which will assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>
Spring Half Term 1	<p><u>Unit 3: Islam</u></p> <p>Having spent units 1 and 2 engaging with the core beliefs of Christianity, students move on in unit 3 to investigate beliefs and practices of another major world religion- Islam.</p>	<p>Students will explore the beginnings of the Islamic faith, key beliefs and practices, and Islam in the 21st century.</p> <p>Key words include; Allah, Muhammad, the Qur'an, the Mosque, Sawm, Salat, Zakat, Ramadan, Hajj.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>Pupils will sit an assessment at the end of the unit which will assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>
Spring Half Term 2	<p><u>Unit 4: Philosophy</u></p> <p>Students begin to evaluate key Christian concepts such as the existence of suffering and the concept of evil.</p>	<p>In this unit on Philosophy students will study philosophical issues in the 21st century including; the qualities of God, the problem of evil and suffering, the issue of unanswered prayers, the importance of visions and miracles for Catholics and the last judgement.</p> <p>Key words include; omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, benevolent, eternal, the inconsistent triad, moral evil, natural evil, imaginative visions, corporeal visions.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>Pupils will sit an assessment at the end of the unit which will assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>



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<p>Summer Half Term 1</p>	<p><u>Unit 5: The Christian Church</u></p> <p>Unit 5 aims to bring pupils to a greater understanding of the make up and the doctrine of the Christian Church.</p>	<p>Students will study the organisation of the Church and how this has changed throughout history. Topics will include; Pentecost, the Reformation, the hierarchy of the Church and the importance of different parts of the Church.</p> <p>Key words include; Pentecost, the Magisterium, Sacraments, Ordination, Vatican II, Bishop, Archbishop, Cardinal.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>Pupils will sit an assessment at the end of the unit which will assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>
<p>Summer Half Term 2</p>	<p><u>Unit 6: Worship</u></p> <p>The overall objective of Unit 6 is to build on student's knowledge and understanding of the practices of the Catholic Church.</p>	<p>Students will study the practices of the Catholic Church including how we worship, Church architecture, artwork in the Church and the importance of Mass. Students will also study how other Christians such as the Church of England worship.</p> <p>Key words include; Church, denominations, the Eucharist, Psalms, Liturgical year, the laity and Catholic Social Teaching.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>Pupils will sit an assessment at the end of the unit which will assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>