

GCSE RS Learning Journey

Paper 2 Theme F

Religious, philosophical and ethical arguments relating to human rights, the status of women, prejudice and discrimination, social justice, and freedom of religious expression are considered in the final theme for GCSE RS. Students also analyse religious and non-religious worldviews about the use of wealth, exploitation of the poor, and responsibilities of tackling poverty and its causes.



Paper 1 Islam: Practices

Students explore aspects of worship including the Five Pillars of Sunni Islam and the Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam. Study of duties include the role and significance of Sawm (fasting), Zakah, Hajj and the different understandings of Jihad. The origins and meanings of festivals such as Id-ul Adha, Id-ul-Fitr and Ashura are studied alongside their importance for Muslims in Great Britain



Paper 1 Christianity: Practices

Students explore different forms of worship and their significance including prayer, the role and meaning of the sacraments of baptism and Eucharist, pilgrimage, and festivals of Christmas and Easter. Study also includes investigation of the role of the church in the local and worldwide community.



Paper 2 Theme E

We continue to explore the impact of religions and non-religious worldviews on society with a focus on causes of crime, aims of punishment, forgiveness, corporal and capital punishment.



Paper 2 Theme D

Students study religious and ethical arguments related to peace and conflict including violence, protest, terrorism, use of weapons of mass destruction, peacekeeping and response to victims of war.



Paper 2 Theme B

The study of religion and life continues with investigation of the origins and value of human life. This includes analysis of different religious, philosophical and ethical arguments about abortion, euthanasia and afterlife.



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The origins and value of the universe is explored from Christian and non-religious worldviews. Further study includes the use and abuse of animals and the environment.



Paper 1 Islam: Beliefs

Students deepen knowledge and understanding of religious beliefs and teachings with a study of Islam including similarities and differences between core beliefs for Sunni and Shi'a Muslims, Tawhid, the nature of Allah, predestination and afterlife, and authorities.



Paper 1 Christianity: Beliefs

GCSE RS begins with study of common and divergent views within Christianity about how core beliefs and teachings are understood and expressed. Study includes the nature of God, Trinity, creation, the incarnation and life of Jesus, sin and salvation through grace, law and the Spirit.



Core RE

Following Bury Locally Agreed Syllabus, students study core concepts of religions and non-religious worldviews. They explore how beliefs and practices connect and consider the impact of beliefs in people's lives.

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