

## Year 9 Autumn Term

### Christianity - Belief in God

- The Trinity
  - The nature and significance of the Trinity
  - The nature and significance of the oneness of God
  - The nature and significance of each of the Persons individually
  - How this is reflected in Christian worship and belief today.
- The creation of the universe and of humanity
  - The biblical account of creation and ways in which it may be understood by Christians
  - The role of the Word and Spirit in creation
  - The importance of creation for Christians today.
- The Incarnation
  - The nature and importance of the person of Jesus Christ as the incarnate Son of God
  - The biblical basis of this teaching
  - Its significance for Christians today
- The last days of Jesus' life
  - The Last Supper, betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus
  - The accounts of these within the Bible
  - The significance of these events to understanding the person of Jesus Christ.
- The nature and significance of salvation and the role of Christ within salvation
  - Law, sin, grace and Spirit, the role of Christ in salvation
  - The nature and significance of atonement within Christianity
  - The link to salvation
- Christian eschatology
  - Christian teachings about life after death, including the nature and significance of resurrection, judgement, heaven, and hell and purgatory
  - How beliefs about life after death are shown in the Bible
  - Why they are important for Christians today
- The problem of evil/suffering and a loving and righteous God
  - The problems it raises for Christians about the nature of God
  - How the problem may cause believers to question their faith or the existence of God
  - The nature and examples of natural suffering, moral suffering
- Solutions offered to the problem of evil/suffering and a loving and righteous God
  - Biblical, theoretical and practical solutions
  - The success of solutions to the problem

## Year 9 Spring Term

### Islam: Belief in Allah

- The six Beliefs of Islam
  - Their nature, history and purpose
  - How they are understood and expressed in Sunni and Shi'a Muslim communities today;
  - The importance of these principles for Muslims.
- The five roots of 'Usul ad-Din in Shi'a Islam
  - The nature and purpose
  - The importance of these principles for different Shi'a communities today
- The nature of Allah
  - How the characteristics of Allah are shown in the Qur'an
  - Why they are important
- Risalah
  - The nature and importance of prophethood for Muslims
  - What the roles of prophets teach Muslims
  - The lives of Adam, Ibrahim, Isma'il, Musa, Dawud, Isa, Muhammad.
- Muslim holy books
  - The nature, history, significance and purpose of Muslim holy books
    - Qur'an
    - Tawrat
    - Zabur
    - Injil
    - Quran
    - Sahifah
- Malaikah
  - The nature and importance of angels for Muslims
  - How angels Jibril, Izra'il and Mika'il are shown in the Qur'an
  - Their significance for Muslims today.
- al-Qadr
  - The nature and importance of Predestination for Muslims
  - How al-Qadr and human freedom relates to the Day of Judgement
  - Understandings of predestination in Sunni and Shi'a Islam
  - The implications of belief in al-Qadr for Muslims today.
- Akhirah
  - Muslim teachings about life after death
  - The nature of judgement, paradise and hell
  - How they are shown in the Qur'an
  - Ways in which Muslims teachings about life after death affect the life of a Muslim today.

## Islam: Living the Muslim Life

- Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam
  - Their nature, history and purpose of the Ten Obligatory Acts
  - The diversity of practice and importance of Ten Obligatory Acts for Shi'a Muslims today
  - Their basis in the Qur'an
  - Understandings of these principles within Sunni Islam including links with the Five Pillars.
- Shahadah as one of the Five Pillars
  - The nature, role and significance of Shahadah for Sunni and Shi'a Muslims
  - Why reciting Shahadah is important for Muslims
  - Its place in Muslim practice today.
- Salah as one of the Five Pillars
  - The nature, history, significance and purpose of Salah for Sunni and Shi'a Muslims
  - How Salah is performed
  - Jummah prayer.
- Sawm as one of the Five Pillars
  - The nature, role, significance and purpose of fasting during Ramadan
  - Those who are excused from fasting and why
  - The significance of the Night of Power
  - The nature, history and purpose of the Night of Power
  - Why Laylat al-Qadr is important for Muslims today.
- Zakah as one of the Five Pillars and Khums
  - The nature, role, significance and purpose of Zakah and Khums
  - Why Zakah is important for Sunni Muslims
  - Why Khums is important for Shi'a Muslims
  - The benefits of receiving Zakah or Khums.
- Hajj as one of the Five Pillars
  - The nature, role, origins and significance of Hajj
  - How Hajj is performed and why Hajj is important for Muslims
  - Benefits and challenges from attending Hajj for Muslims.
- Jihad
  - The origins, meaning and significance of jihad in Islam
  - Divergent understandings of jihad within Islam
  - The difference between lesser and greater jihad
  - The conditions for declaration of lesser jihad
  - The importance of jihad in the life of Muslims.
- Festivals and Celebrations
  - Id-ul-Adha
  - Id-ul-Fitr
  - Id-ul-Ghadeer
  - Ashura

## Islam: Crime and Punishment

- Muslim attitudes towards justice
  - Muslim teachings about the nature of justice
  - Why justice is important for Muslims
  - Muslim responses to why justice is important for victims
  - non-religious attitudes about why justice is important
- Muslim attitudes towards crime
  - Muslim teachings and responses to the nature, causes and problem of crime
  - Muslim teachings about crime, including as a distraction from Allah
  - What action is taken by Muslim individuals and Muslim groups to end crime
  - The Muslim Chaplains Association and the work of Mosaic.
- Muslim teachings about good, evil and suffering
  - Muslim teachings about the nature of good actions
  - How they are rewarded
  - The nature of evil actions
  - Non-religious attitudes about why people suffer
  - Muslim teachings about why people suffer
- Muslim attitudes towards punishment
  - Muslim teachings and attitudes towards the nature and use of punishment
  - Situation ethics
  - Muslim teachings on why punishment can be regarded as justice
  - Why punishment might be needed in society.
- Muslim attitudes towards the aims of punishment
  - Muslim attitudes towards each of the aims of punishment
  - Qur'anic teachings about punishment
- Muslim teachings about forgiveness
  - Muslim teachings and responses about the nature and importance of forgiveness
  - How offenders are forgiven by the community
  - Muslim responses to the nature and use of restorative justice
  - Why it is important for criminals.
- Muslim teachings about the treatment of criminals
  - Muslim teachings about the treatment of criminals
  - Muslim attitudes towards the use of torture, human rights, fair trial, trial by jury
  - Situation ethics
- Muslim attitudes towards the death penalty
  - The nature and purpose of capital punishment
  - Muslim teachings about the nature, purpose and arguments surrounding the use of capital punishment
  - Non-religious attitudes towards the use of capital punishment

## Christianity: Marriage and the Family

- The importance and purpose of marriage for Christians
  - Christian teachings about the significance of marriage in Christian life
  - the purpose of marriage for Christians
  - Non-religious attitudes to the importance of marriage in society
  - the sanctity of marriage
  - cohabitation
- Christian teachings about the nature and importance of sexual relationships
  - Christian teachings about sexual relationships
  - Christian attitudes towards sexual relationships outside of marriage
  - Christian attitudes towards homosexuality
  - Non-religious attitudes to sexual relationships
- Christian teachings about the purpose and importance of the family
  - procreation, security and education of children
  - Christian responses to different types of family within 21st-century society
- Support for the family in the local parish
  - How and why the local church community tries to support families
  - rites of passage, classes for parents, groups for children, including Sunday schools and counselling
  - the importance of the support of the local parish for Christians today
- Christian teaching about family planning and regulation of births
  - Christian attitudes about contraception and family planning
  - Teachings about the artificial methods of contraception by some Protestant Churches and the Catholic Church
  - Different non-religious attitudes to family
- Christian teachings and attitudes towards divorce and remarriage
  - Christian teachings about divorce and remarriage
  - Non-religious attitudes to divorce and remarriage
  - Situation ethics
- Christian teaching about the equality of men and women in the family
  - Christian teachings and attitudes about the role of men and women in the family
  - Christian attitudes about the equality and role of men and women in the family
- Christian teachings about gender prejudice and discrimination
  - Christian opposition to gender prejudice and discrimination
  - Christian attitudes to gender differences
  - The role of women in the Church

## Christianity: Matters of Life and Death

- Christian teachings about the origins and value of the universe:
  - Christian teachings about the sanctity of life:
  - why human life is holy;
  - how the Bible can be interpreted to show life as special
  - the importance of sanctity of life for Christians today.
- Christian responses to scientific and non-religious explanations about the origins and value of human life,
  - evolution and survival of the fittest
  - the significance of the responses to scientific and non-religious explanations
- Implications of the value and sanctity of life for the issue of abortion
  - the nature of abortion
  - Christian pro-life and pro-choice teachings about abortion
  - non-religious arguments surrounding Abortion
- Christian teachings and beliefs about life after death
  - Christian teachings and beliefs that support the existence of a life after death
  - the significance of belief in life after death for Christians.
  - why Christians reject arguments against belief in life after death
- Implications of Christian teachings about the issue of euthanasia
  - the nature of euthanasia
  - Christian teachings about euthanasia
  - non-religious arguments surrounding euthanasia
- Christian responses to issues in the natural world
  - Christian responses to threats to the world, including pollution, global warming and the use of natural resources
  - stewardship and humanity's role as stewards
  - Christian responses to animal rights, including animal experimentation and the use of animals

## Islam: Peace and Conflict

- Muslim attitudes towards peace
  - Muslim teachings about the nature and importance of peace
  - Muslim understandings about Islam as a religion of peace
  - How peace may be understood in the life of a Muslim.
- The role of Muslims in peacemaking
  - Muslim teachings about peacemaking
  - The importance for Muslims of justice, forgiveness and reconciliation
  - The work of Muslims working for peace today.
- Muslim attitudes to conflict
  - Muslim teachings and responses to the nature and causes of conflict
  - Muslim responses to the problems conflict causes within society
  - Non-religious attitudes about the role of religion in the causes of conflict
- Pacifism
  - Muslim teachings and responses to the nature and history of pacifism
  - Muslim teachings about passive resistance and examples of its use within Islam
- Just War theory
  - Muslim teachings and responses to the nature and importance of the Just War theory
  - The conditions of a just war within Islam
  - Lesser jihad
  - Opinions on whether a just war is possible for Muslims today
  - Situation ethics
- Holy War
  - The nature of a holy war (Harb al-Maqadis) within Islam
  - Muslim teachings about war and peace as shown in the Qur'an
  - Muslim teachings about war
- Weapons of mass destruction (WMD)
  - Muslim teaching and responses to the problems and benefits of WMD
  - Muslim attitudes towards the use of such weapons
  - Non-religious attitudes
  - The application of ethical theories, such as utilitarianism which supports the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction
- Issues surrounding conflict
  - Muslim teachings and responses to the nature of problems involved in conflict
  - How Muslims have worked to overcome the issues of violence, war, and terrorism
  - Non-religious views towards the issues surrounding conflict

## Year 11 Spring Term

### Christianity: Living the Christian Life

- Christian worship
  - Liturgical and non-liturgical forms of worship, including *Book of Common Prayer*
  - Christian attitudes towards the practices, meaning and significance of liturgical and non-liturgical forms of worship in Christian life today
  - Reference to denominations which worship with less structure such as some Pentecostal churches.
- The role of the sacraments in Christian life
  - The practice of sacraments in two denominations
  - The nature and importance of the meaning and celebration of baptism and the Eucharist in at least two denominations
  - Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant traditions.
- The nature and purpose of prayer
  - Examples of the different types of prayer
  - Set prayers; informal prayer and the Lord's Prayer
  - When each type might be used and why
  - Christian attitudes towards the importance of each type of prayer for Christians today.
- Pilgrimage
  - The nature, history and purpose of pilgrimage
  - The significance of the places people go on pilgrimage
  - Christian teachings about whether pilgrimage is important for Christians today
  - Catholic and Protestant understandings of Pilgrimage
  - The activities associated with, and significance of, Jerusalem, Iona, Taize and Walsingham.
- The nature and history of Christian festivals in the church year
  - The significance of celebrating Advent and Christmas
  - The significance of celebrating Holy Week and Easter
- The future of the Christian Church
  - Church growth
  - The history and purpose of missionary and evangelical work
  - Ways missionary work is put into practice by Church locally, nationally and globally
  - Christian attitudes of why evangelical work is important for the Church and for individual Christians
- The role and importance of the local church in the local community
  - How and why it helps the individual believer and the local area
  - Local parish activities as the centre of Christian identity
  - Ecumenism
  - Outreach work
  - Worship through living practices
- The role and importance of the Church in the worldwide community
  - How and why it works for reconciliation and the problems faced by the persecuted Church
  - Christian responses to teachings about charity
  - The work of Christian Aid, what it does and why.