



Curriculum Map: Subject: Philosophical Thinking

Year 7

Term	Unit of Work	Knowledge and Skills	Assessment
1	Exploring Britain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The life of Jesus. The importance of the Bible. Interpretation of quotes and parables. The impact of Christian beliefs on people's lives. How Christians interact with the local community. Explanation of Christian beliefs Evaluation Exploring the significance of beliefs and practices Considering the positive and negative impacts beliefs can have on people's lives Analysis of scripture/quotes and parables. 	RE-Christianity
2	History unit	N/A	History-King John
3	Africa Vs Asia	N/A	Geography-One Child policy
4	Africa Vs Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story of the Buddha. The Key teachings of the Buddha The Eightfold Path and the impact it has on Buddhists' lives. The monastic lifestyle. Explanation of Buddhist beliefs Evaluation Exploration of the significance of beliefs and practices. Considering the positive and negative impacts beliefs and practices can have on people's lives. Analysis of the Buddha's teachings and Buddhist stories 	RE-Buddhism
5	How the past influences our future	N/A	Global warming
6	Avebury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source analysis of Prehistoric religion The mysteries surrounding Avebury and the religious significance. Analysing and Evaluating the evidence of whether Avebury was a place of religious significance. 	Avebury fieldwork



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1	Restless earth	N/A	Geography-Why do people live near danger zones?
2	Victorians	N/A	History-Was the Victorian age a dark age or a golden age?
3	Does religion make us good?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where did faith and religion originate? Independent investigation: Is there a decline in religious followers? Key beliefs of Christianity and Sikhism and the impact these beliefs have. Christian and Sikh case studies on how religion has impacted individuals' lives. Key Humanist beliefs and the impact they have on peoples' lives. 	RE-Does religion make us good?
4	Swindon in today's world	N/A	Geography-Decision making exercise
5	War and Peace	N/A	History-What caused WW1
6	East meets West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the origin of Islam? How did Islam spread? What are the key beliefs of Islam? Why is the Qur'an so significant? Why is there conflict in the Middle East? The Holy land. The crusades Islam and art Islam, Science and Technology 	

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1	The impact of religion in the modern world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of 9/11 What is religion good for? What is the impact of Jesus on the world? What impact did religion have on Martin Luther King? 	Evaluate: 'The impact religion has on the world is mainly negative'



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2	Anne Frank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity and persecution • How did Judaism survive the Holocaust? • Who was Anne Frank? • Where was God during the Holocaust 	N/A
3	Ethical Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sanctity of life • Abortion • Euthanasia • Animal rights 	Evaluate: 'A woman should not be allowed to have an abortion just because her child is disabled'
4	Medical Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IVF • Genetic Engineering • Designer babies • Saviour siblings • Organ donation. 	N/A
5	Denominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jehovah's witnesses • Salvation Army • Mormonism • Amish • Unification Church 	Denominations-Various questions
6	Life after death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of LAD • East Vs West • Ghosts and Channelling • Near death experiences 	N/A

Year 10

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1	Christian beliefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of God on the world • The qualities of God • Creation • The life and teachings of Jesus. • The afterlife • Original Sin • Salvation • 	Past Paper



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2	Christian Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship• Prayer• Baptism• Holy Communion• Pilgrimage• Festivals• The Church in the local community• Evangelism• Church growth• Persecution	Past Paper
3	Buddhist beliefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The life of the Buddha• Asceticism• Enlightenment• The key beliefs of Buddhism (4 noble truths, Eight-fold path, 3 marks of existence)• Different Buddhist denominations• Denominational comparison	Past Paper
4	Buddhist practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Places of worship• Purpose of worship• Meditation• Death and mourning• Festivals• Karma and rebirth• Karuna• Metta• 5 moral precepts• 6 perfections	Past Paper
5	Religion and life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation• The Big Bang• The environment• Animals• Origins of human life• Sanctity of life• Abortion• Euthanasia	Past Paper



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death and the afterlife 	
6	The existence of God and revelation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design argument • The first cause argument • Miracles • Evidence against God • General/Special revelation • The impact of revelation • The problems with revelations 	Past Paper

Year 11

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1	Religion, peace and conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace, justice, forgiveness and reconciliation • Terrorism • Causes of war • Just war theory • Holy war • Weapons of mass destruction • Pacifism • Victims of war 	Past Paper
2	Catch up and revision for Mock exams		
3	Religion, crime and punishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for crime • Types of crime • Aims of punishment • Suffering • Treatment of Criminals • Forgiveness • The death penalty 	Past Paper
4	Revision		
5	Revision		
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