

## OVERVIEW

Following the AQA Religious Studies Specification A year 10 and 11 will study the two religions of Islam and Christianity focusing on key beliefs and practices across the two GCSE years. They will also study 4 'Thematic Studies' looking at key ethical issues applying religious and non-religious teachings to these. Students will begin year 10 by exploring key Christian beliefs before then applying these to their first Theme 'Relationships and the Family'. They will then study Islamic beliefs as a contrasting religion, as well as exploring the Theme of Religion and Life which includes ethical issues of Abortion as well as considering the different understandings of the origins of the world, they live in. Finally, to conclude the year they will begin their first practices module, looking at worship and celebrations within Christianity.

## Christian Beliefs

**Topics covered within the Y10 Christian Beliefs module:**

- *Nature of God*
- *Problem of evil*
- *The Trinity*
- *Jesus, incarnation, death, and resurrection*
- *Sin, Salvation and Atonement*

**Assessment:**

Students in Y10 will continue to be assessed using both formative and summative methods. Students will be assessed through the UL mid-year and end-of-year assessments which will serve as mock exams. Students will also have end-of-unit assessments and regularly complete practice questions.

## Relationships and the Family

**Topics covered within the Y10 Relationships and the Family module:**

- *Relationships and sexuality*
- *Contraception and Families*
- *Marriage and Divorce*
- *Gender Equality*

**Assessment:**

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## Islamic Beliefs

**Topics covered within the Y10 Islamic Beliefs module:**

- *Key beliefs*
- *The oneness of God*
- *Angels*
- *Predestination*
- *Life after death*
- *Prophethood*
- *Holy books*

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## Religion and Life

**Topics covered within the Y10 Religion and Life module:**

- *Theories on the origins of the Universe*
- *Stewardship and Dominion*
- *Sanctity and Quality of life*
- *Abortion*
- *Euthanasia*
- *Life after death*

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## Christian Practices

**Topics covered within the Y10 Christian Practices module:**

- *Worship*
- *Sacraments*
- *Pilgrimage*
- *Festivals*
- *Mission work and the worldwide Church*
- *Charity*

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**Useful resources for supporting your child at home:**

- Seneca Learning- [Seneca - Learn 2x Faster \(senecalearning.com\)](https://www.senecalearning.com)
- BBC Bitesize for GCSE- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgx47h>
- Oak National Academy- <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4/subjects/religious-education>
- GCSE pod- <https://www.gcsepod.com/students/>
- Trips to local religious sites: places of worship, cathedrals, monasteries, museums