

OVERVIEW

Following the Albion Academy curriculum for Religious Education pupils in Year 8 will study 3 religious traditions. Firstly, the teaching of Islam will complete the study of all of the Abrahmic Faiths, building on knowledge from year 7. Students will then explore two of the Dharmic traditions Hinduism and Sikhism. Understanding a range of opinions and perspectives on such questions will lead to an increase in tolerance, acceptance and respect for the local and wider community and a general acceptance that we as British Citizens have the right to practice whichever religion we choose without discrimination.

Islam
Autumn Term**Topics covered within the Y8 Islam module:**

- Pre-Islamic Arabia
- Prophet Muhammad and the Revelation of the Quran
- Key early events (The Hijrah and The Final Sermon)
- The Sunni and Shia Split
- The Five Pillars of Islam
- Holy Books
- The nature of God
- Afterlife

Hinduism
Spring Term**Topics covered within the Y8 Hinduism Religion module:**

- Origins of Hinduism
- Holy books
- The Nature of God
- Creation and the cycle of life
- Karma and afterlife
- Worships and Temples
- Festivals

Sikhism
Summer Term**Topics covered within the Y8 Sikhism module:**

- The origins of Sikhism
- The Guru's
- The Khalsa and the 5 Ks of Sikhism
- Holy books- The Guru Granth Sahib
- Holy places- Gurdwara
- Creation and the life cycle
- Worship

Assessment:

Students in Y8 will continue to be assessed using both formative and summative methods. Students will be continually assessed in lesson using questioning and feedback in independent practice. Additionally, they will be assessed through 'Big Writes' and end of unit tasks. This will assess students' knowledge and understanding and develop students' explanation skills. Towards the end of year students will have an End of Year assessment, in which they will be assessed on knowledge gained through the year, this will be applied to both descriptive and explanatory style questions.

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

- Seneca Learning [Seneca - Learn 2x Faster \(senecalearning.com\)](https://www.senecalearning.com)
- BBC Bitesize- KS3 Religious Education [Religious Education - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/religious-education)
- BBC Teach Videos [Free primary and secondary school teaching resources - BBC Teach](https://www.bbc.com/teach/religious-education)
- Oak National Academy- KS3 Religious Education [Religious Education lessons for Key Stage 3 students - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/religious-education)
- Trips to local religious sites: places of worship, cathedrals, monasteries, museums