

OVERVIEW

Following the Albion Academy curriculum for Religious Education pupils in Year 9 will study two core modules of 'Matters of Life and Death' and 'Equality'. These units take a step away from looking at specific religions and with more of a focus on a thematic study whilst continually drawing in different religious perspectives. Matters of Life and Death will look at morality and ethics allowing students to reflect on their position about deciding what's wrong and right, as well as looking at two theories and applying these to ethical issues such as euthanasia. Secondly, the topic of Equality delves into what equality means and looks at, whilst looking at the historic and current fight for equality including religions' place in this. Finally, students will explore the Buddhist belief system, which has connections to the Dharmic religions studied in the previous years, with the key difference of being a religion without a central God figure. Students will begin to understand Buddhist beliefs about life and death, as well as ideas about morality on issues such as violence and animal testing.

**Matters of Life and Death
Autumn Term****Topics covered within the Y9 Matters of Life and Death module:**

- Morality- what's the right thing to do?
- Thomas Aquinas' Natural Moral Law and its criticisms
- Joseph Fletchers' Situation Ethics and its criticisms
- Sanctity and Quality of Life
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Capital Punishment
- Animal Rights

Assessment:

Students in Y9 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 and critical evaluation 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 explanatory and evaluative style questions.

**Equality
Spring Term****Topics covered within the Y9 Equality module:**

- What is Equality and why is it important?
- What Religion teaches about equality?
- Racism and Scripture
- The Fight for Racial Equality- Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.
- Gender Equality and Scripture, Women in Worship
- LGBTQ+ issues and gaining equality.
- Disability issues and gaining equality.

**Buddhism
Summer Term****Topics covered within the Y9 Buddhism module:**

- Siddhartha Gautama (The first Buddha)
- Reincarnation and Nirvana
- Suffering- The four Noble Truths
- The Eightfold path
- The Five precepts
- Buddhism and Morality, ahimsa, and animal testing.

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.oaknationalacademy.com/religious-education)
- Trips to local religious sites: places of worship, cathedrals, monasteries, museums