

## KS5 Long Term Curriculum Plan: Year 13 A Level RE (OCR Specification)

### **Curriculum Aim:**

The OCR A Level in Religious Studies will encourage learners to:

- develop their interest in a rigorous study of religion and belief and relate it to the wider world
- develop knowledge and understanding appropriate to a specialist study of religion and teachings, as well as the disciplines of ethics and philosophy of religion. Learners will develop their skills of critical analysis in order to construct balanced, informed arguments and responses to religious, philosophical and ethical ideas.

OCR's A Level Religious Studies course aims to engage learners thoroughly and develop an interest in Religious Studies which extends beyond the classroom and can be applied to the world around them. The curriculum aims to:

- develop an understanding and appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies
- adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion
- reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study.

**Link to prior learning:** The OCR A Level in Religious Studies will build on the knowledge, understanding and skills established at GCSE (9–1). Learners will be introduced to a more advanced approach to Religious Studies, and will develop a deeper understanding of the beliefs, teachings and philosophy they study.

### **Rationale of sequencing:**

Students will be starting the Autumn term with DCT. Students study the Philosophy of Religion content, alongside the Religious Ethics unit in the Autumn 2 and Spring term 1. In the final Summer term students study Development of Christian thought. The sequence of lessons is based on the recommended sequence advised by the exam board.

	Focus / Topic	Knowledge	Skills	Assessment
Autumn 1	Christian Moral Action	Critical analysis and evaluation of the works and theories of John Hick, Tillich, Pope Francis & Bonhoeffer.	Rigorous study of sources of evidence	Exam style questions to apply knowledge and understanding of
	Nature of God	Critical analysis and evaluation of the works and theories of Boethius, Anselm, Swinburne.	Critical analysis skills in order to construct balanced, informed arguments in response to religious, philosophical and ethical ideas	Boethius, Anselm, Swinburne.
	Meta Ethics	Critical analysis and evaluation of the works and theories of Bradley, Hume, Moore, Ayer, Hare & Stevenson	Evaluation skills	Regular past paper exam questions
	Religious Language	Critical analysis and evaluation of the works and theories of Aquinas, Tillich.	Discussion skills	Assessment week (September)
Autumn 2	Conscience	Critical analysis and evaluation of the works and theories of Aquinas, Freud, Fromm, Piaget & Cardinal Newman		Exam style questions to apply knowledge and understanding of Aquinas, Freud, Fromm, Piaget & Cardinal Newman.
				Regular past paper exam questions
				Mocks fortnight (December)

Spring 1	Religious Language Sexual Ethics	Critical analysis and evaluation of the works and theories of Wittgenstein, Flew, Hare & Mitchell.  Critical analysis, application and evaluation of Natural Law, Utilitarianism, Kant and Situation Ethics on issues surrounding extra-marital sex, premarital sex and homosexuality.		Exam style questions to apply knowledge and understanding of Wittgenstein, Flew, Hare & Mitchell. Past paper exam questions
Spring 2	Religious Pluralism & Theology Religious Pluralism & Society	Critical analysis and evaluation of the works and theories of Hick, McGrath & Costa.		Exam style questions to apply knowledge and understanding of Hick, McGrath & Costa. Past paper exam questions ( March)
Summer 1	Gender and Society Gender and Theology  Challenge of Secularism Liberation Theology and Marxism	Critical analysis and evaluation of the works and theories of Daly & Reuther.  Critical analysis and evaluation of the works and theories of Dawkins & Freud. Critical analysis and evaluation of the works and theories of Marx.		Exam style questions to apply knowledge and understanding of Daly & Reuther. Past paper exam questions Exam style questions to apply knowledge and understanding of the works and theories of Marx. Past paper exam questions
Summer 2	<b>Exams</b>			

Further Information

A Level RE specification <https://www.ocr.org.uk/images/242913-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-religious-studies-h573.pdf>