# **Religious Studies**

#### Year 11 GCSE

## Christianity and Islam

### Religion and Ethical Themes

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Course Content	R	Α	G
Unit 1: Christianity: Beliefs and teachings Uned 1:			
How the Bible is seen as the word of God			
How the Bible is used			
The different way in which the Bible is interpreted			
Other sources of authority for Christians			
Christian beliefs about the afterlife			
Unit 2: Christianity: Practices Uned 2:			
The sacraments			
Baptism – how it is performed in different denominations and why it is important			
Eucharist – how it is performed in different denominations and why it is important			
Confirmation – how it is performed in different denominations and why it is important			
Marriage – how it is performed in different denominations and why it is important			
How important places of worship are in Christianity			
Different pilgrimage sites – what happens at each one and why they are important			
Unit 3: Islam: Beliefs and teachings Uned 3:			
Prophethood – what a prophet is and why they are important			
The reasons why different prophets are important in Islam (Adam, Ibrahim, Isma'il, Isa)			
The life of Muhammad			
Al-Qadr			
Muslim beliefs about the afterlife			

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Unit 4: Islam: Practices Uned 4:		
The ummah		
Features of the mosque		
Hajj: Pilgrimage to Mecca – how it is performed and why it is important		
Clothing in Islam – different types of clothing and why they should/shouldn't be worn		
Jihad and the arguments for an against conflict in Islam		
Id-ul-Adha – how and why it is celebrated		
Id-ul-Fitr – how and why it is celebrated		
Laylat-ul-Qadr – how and why it is celebrated		
Unit 5: Relationships Uned 5:		
The family – different types and why it is important in Christianity and Islam		
The role of men and women in the family within Christianity and Islam		
The purpose of marriage in Christianity and Islam		
Interfaith marriage – what it is and the reasons why some agree and some disagree with it		
Cohabitation – arguments for and against cohabitation		
Adultery – the views of Christians and Muslims on adultery		
Divorce – arguments for and against divorce and the views of Christians and Muslims		
Remarriage – arguments for and against remarriage and the views of Christians and Muslims		
Arranged marriage – arguments for and against arranged marriage		
The purpose of sex in Christianity and Islam		
Contraception and family planning in Christianity and Islam		
Same-sex relationships – the views of Christians and Muslims on homosexuality		
The roles of men and women in worship in Christianity and Islam		



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Unit 6: Human rights Uned 6:		
Human rights and social justice		
The dignity of human life		
Religious action to promote human rights		
Censorship – what it is and the views of religious believers on it		
Freedom of religious expression		
Religious extremism		
Prejudice and discrimination – what they are and the views of Christians and Muslims on them		
Racism – what it is and the views of religious believers on it		
Wealth and poverty – what they are and the views of Christians and Muslims on them		
Christian Aid – what they do and why		
Islamic Relief – what they do and why		

