



**OVERVIEW**

Our department's objective is to offer a rich and varied curriculum that will prepare our students for life in a culturally diverse and everchanging world. The content of this course moves beyond the traditional study of religions and adds the complimentary study of ethical issues and wider philosophical questions that religions attempt to address.

**Autumn**

**Unit 1- Religion Locally and Nationally**

- Different religions in the United Kingdom
- Religion and social science
- Local data about religion

**Assessment:**

Written work about religion as a social science

**Personal development:**

Mutual respect and tolerance: different religions in the United Kingdom

**Spring**

**Unit 2 – Origins of Abrahamic Faith**

- Ancient Religious Ideology
- Establishing Monotheistic Religions
- Overview of the largest monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

**Assessment:**

Explain why Holocaust Memorial is important today.

**Personal development:**

Rule of Law: Leviticus as the basis of UK law.

Equality & Inclusivity: The Holocaust

**Summer**

**Unit 3 – Judaism**

- The Jewish scriptures (Tanakh) and the Torah
- Beliefs; Orthodox & Reform, Key beliefs
  - Practices, Shabbat, Yom Kippur and Pesach
- Persecution of Jewish People

**Assessment:**

Explain why some think the Catholic Church should allow women to be priests.

**Personal development:**

Rule of Law: The Christian tradition in the UK.

Mutual respect and tolerance: the denominations of Christianity.

**Unit 4 – Christianity**

- The Christian Scriptures, especially the New Testament
- Beliefs
  - Jesus; acts, miracles, and resurrection
  - Nicene Creed
  - Original Sin

**Assessment:**

Explain the significance of Puja in Buddhism.

**Personal development:**

Mutual respect and tolerance: The teachings of the Buddha and karma.

Health and Wellbeing: the guidance of the Vedas.

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

**Seneca Learning:** All topics are available for self study.

**Knowledge Organiser:** These contain the essential information students need to know for each unit.

**UL Curriculum Hub:** Contains content from the UL trust which compliments that taught at ICA.

**Homework:**

Homework will be in the form of termly homework projects.