



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 ever-changing world.

The content of the Y8 course completes the study of Abrahmic Faith with an examination of Islam; its beliefs, practices, and history. There is also a study of views that developed independently of Abrahamic faith. Finally, there is a counter view of non-religious views and an interrogation of philosophy.

Autumn

Unit 1 – Islam

- The development of Arabia
- Life and legacy of Muhammad
- Caliphates
- Sunni/Shia Split
- Beliefs and Practices
- Modern Islam

Assessment:

Explain why understanding Atman is important for Hindus.

Personal development:

Health & Wellbeing: advice and guidance in the Vedas

Equality & Inclusivity: Evaluation of the Caste/Varna and teachings of the Vedas

Spring

Unit 2 – Atheism

- Origin
- Platonism
- Challenging the Bible
- Evolution
- Nietzsche
- The Enlightenment

Assessment:

Explain the situation of Islam in the modern world.

Personal development:

Mutual respect and tolerance: addressing misconceptions.

Positive contributions: How Islam brought relative peace and stability to Arabia.

Summer

Unit 3 – Philosophy of Religion

- Understanding and criticism of:
 - Design Argument
 - Cosmological Argument
 - Theodicies
 - Religious Experience
 - Problem of Evil
 - Theism, Atheism, Agnosticism

Assessment:

Explain how religious experiences are criticised as an argument for the existence of God.

Personal development:

Mutual respect and tolerance: an appreciation of theist and non-theist arguments.

Unit 4 – The Hindu Dharma

- Ancient Indus Valley civilisation
- The Vedas
- Caste/Varna System
- Revelation
- Alexander the Great / Unification

Assessment:

Explain the militant atheists' critique of religion.

Personal development:

Mutual respect and tolerance: an appreciation of atheism

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 homework projects that will be completed each term.