



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 Hindu Dharma and Buddhism.

Autumn

Unit 1 – Islam

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

Assessment:

Topic test consisting of knowledge questions and extended writing.

Personal development:

Mutual respect and tolerance: addressing misconceptions.

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

Spring

Unit 2 and Unit 3 – Dharmic faiths/Hindu Dharma

- Origins of the Hindu faith
- Sacred texts- the Vedas
- Nature of God
- Hindu view of creation
- Afterlife
- Prayers and practices
- Rituals

Assessment:

Topic test consisting of knowledge questions and extended writing.

Personal development:

Health & Wellbeing: advice and guidance in the Vedas

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

Summer

Unit 3 – Hindu Dharma

- Origins of the Hindu faith
- Sacred texts- the Vedas
- Nature of God
- Hindu view of creation
- Afterlife
- Prayers and practices
- Rituals

Assessment:

Topic test consisting of knowledge questions and extended writing.

Personal development:

Health & Wellbeing: advice and guidance in the Vedas

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

Unit 4 – Buddhism

- Roots in Hindu Dharma
- Siddhartha Gautama
- The Buddha and scriptures
- Key beliefs and practices
- Buddhism across the world

Assessment:

Students will complete an end of year exam which assesses content from Units 1 to 3.

Personal development:

Students may consider their own views on suffering and its causes and its solutions. Students may consider the role that quiet reflection can have for wellbeing.

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 half termly SENECA homework.