

## KS5 – Year 13 – Religious Studies

Term	Topic Titles	Brief Overview
<b>1</b>	Component 1: Theology	<p>Theme 1- Within this theme students will study the following topics; The Bible as a source of wisdom and authority, The early church, Two views of Jesus.</p> <p>Theme 2- Within this theme students will study the following topics; Religious life-faith and works, Religious life- community of believers, Religious life- key moral principles</p> <p>Theme 3- Within this theme students will study; Challenges to secularisation, Challenges from science, Challenges from pluralism.</p> <p>Theme 4- Within this theme students will study; Religious identity through unification, Religious identity through religious experience, Religious identity through responses to poverty and injustice.</p>
<b>2</b>	Component 2: Philosophy	<p>Theme 2- Within this theme students will study the following topics; Religious belief as a product of the human mind – Sigmund Freud, Religious belief as a product of the human mind – Carl Jung, Issues relating to rejection of religion.</p> <p>Theme 3- Within this theme students will study; The influence of religious experience on religious practice and faith, Miracles, A comparative study of two key scholars from within and outside the Christian tradition and their contrasting views on the possibility of miracles.</p> <p>Theme 4- Within this theme students will study; Inherent problems of religious language, Religious language as cognitive (traditional religious view), but meaningless (Logical Positivists' view), Religious language as non-cognitive and analogical, Religious language as non-cognitive and symbolic, Religious language as non-cognitive and mythical, Religious language as a language game.</p>
	Component 3: Ethics	<p>Theme 1- Within this theme students will study the following topics; Meta-ethical approaches - Naturalism, Intuitionism and Emotivism.</p> <p>Theme 2- Within this theme students will study the following topics; John Finnis' development of Natural Law, Bernard Hoose's overview of the Proportionalist debate, Finnis' Natural Law and Proportionalism: application of the theory to immigration and capital punishment.</p> <p>Theme 4- Within this theme students will study; Religious concepts of predestination, Concepts of</p>

		determinism, The implications of predestination / determinism, Religious concepts of free will, Concepts of libertarianism, The implications of libertarianism and free will.
<b>3</b>	Revision and consolidation	In the final few weeks before external exams start, students focus on structured revision activities.