

Curriculum Map: Year 8 Religious Studies

	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6
Topic	<i>'Hinduism - ancient but modern'</i> <i>Part 1 - An Ancient faith</i>	<i>'Hinduism - ancient but modern?'</i> <i>Part 2 - A modern faith?</i>	<i>'What do Buddhists believe is the best way to live?'</i> <i>Part 1 - What do Buddhists believe?'</i>	<i>'What do Buddhists believe is the best way to live?'</i> <i>Part 2 – How should Buddhists live?'</i>	<i>'How does Sikhism demonstrate equality and respect for all?'</i> <i>Part 1 - Who are Sikhs?'</i>	<i>'How does Sikhism demonstrate equality and respect for all?'</i> <i>Part 2 - How does Sikhism demonstrate equality for all?'</i>
Intent	To consider the origins of Hinduism an ancient faith and its beliefs about the nature of God. To consider how Hindu worship, celebration and practice reflects this belief	<i>To consider to what extent Hinduism as an ancient faith has relevance for believers today through exploring issues such as the caste system and the role of men and women</i>	<i>To explore the main teachings of the Buddha through the development and history of Buddhism.</i>	<i>To consider how Buddhist beliefs have an impact on Buddhist practice today. What do Buddhists believe is the best way to live to attain freedom from suffering?'</i>	<i>To consider the origins of Sikhism as the youngest of the major world faiths. To discover how Sikhs practice their faith</i>	<i>To discover how Sikhism holds equality and respect for all at the heart of its teachings and practices</i>
Key Knowledge	Origins of Hinduism Gods and Goddesses Hindu Worship Hindu celebrations Hindu scriptures	The caste system and its impact on Hindus today The role of men and women in Hinduism	The origins of Buddhism The 4 Noble Truths The 8 Fold Path The 5 precepts The Three Jewels	Buddhist monks Differences in Buddhism Buddhist worship The Buddhist Vihara Tipitaka	The origins of Sikhism through Guru Nanak The 5 Ks The Khalsa Sikh scriptures	How equality and respect is demonstrated throughout Sikhism e.g. the Langar at the Sikh temple and rejection of the caste system
Key Skills	Investigation, interpretation, empathy, reflection, evaluation, analysis, application, self-expression	Investigation, interpretation, empathy, reflection, evaluation, analysis, application, self-expression	Investigation, interpretation, empathy, reflection, evaluation, analysis, application, self-expression	Investigation, interpretation, empathy, reflection, evaluation, analysis, application, self-expression	Investigation, interpretation, empathy, reflection, evaluation, analysis, application, self-expression	Investigation, interpretation, empathy, reflection, evaluation, analysis, application, self-expression
Key Vocabulary	Monotheistic/Polytheistic Dharma/Karma Brama/Vishnu/Shiva Bhagavad Gita/Vedas/Puranas/Laws of Manu	Caste System Sacred threat Lakshmi/Padma/	Dharama Karma Moksha Enlightenment	Vihara Zen Theravada/Mahayana Monk Shrine	Guru Khalsa Kara/Kirpan/Kesh/Kanga /Kachera Guru Granth Sahib	Equality Respect Discrimination Pluralism Gurdwara Langar
Key Reading	Penny – Hinduism Bhagavad Gita	Penny – Hinduism Vedas	Penny – Buddhism	Penny – Buddhism	Penny – Sikhism Guru granth Sahib	Penny – Sikhism Guru Granth Sahib
End Point	<i>Students can explain how Hindu practice today is influenced by ancient beliefs and can evaluate the extent to which beliefs have adapted to the modern world or were Hindu teachings always modern?</i>		<i>Students can explain what Buddhists believe is the best way to live a happy life that is free of suffering. Students can evaluate the success of this philosophy.</i>		<i>Students can explain how all aspects of Sikhism are underpinned by the central tenants of equality and respect for all.</i>	
Form of Assessment	Progress check: Explain Hindu beliefs about God	Progress check: 'Hindu beliefs are outdated in the	Progress check: Explain Buddhist beliefs	Progress check:	Progress check:	Progress check:

		modern world' - evaluation question		Diary entry on the life of a monk and beliefs about enlightenment	Explain how equality and respect is demonstrated through the origins and beliefs of Sikhs	Presentation on how the Gurdwara demonstrates equality and respect
Enrichment Opportunities	Vist to a Hindu Temple/ Gurdwara/ Buddhist monastery Visits from outside speakers Use of artifacts					
Leadership Opportunities	Use of presentations/ Groupwork					