

Curriculum Journey 2026-2027

Subject: Religious Education

Year 8	Half Term 1	Half term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half term 5	Half Term 6
Topic	Branch 1: Creation to Covenant Look at the idea of the Fall and sin. Understand the concept of imago Dei. Look at the Ten Commandments and the moral teachings of Jesus and explain how we can follow the teachings of Jesus.	Branch 2: Prophecy to Promise Explore the idea of the Messiah and consider how Jesus fulfilled the promises of the Old Testament. Understand the true meaning of Advent and how we can properly prepare for Christmas. Consider how Jesus' birth and incarnation fulfil prophecy.	Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem Explore the meaning of the Kingdom of God. Study parables of Jesus and explain how Jesus reached out to the marginalised in society. Reflect on how we can bring the Kingdom of God to Earth.	Branch 4: Desert to Garden Learn about the scriptural basis of the practices of observing Lent and Holy Week. Understand the importance of the practice of reconciliation and penance in relation to Lent. Gain an understanding of the ways in which Catholics around the world mark the events of the final week of Jesus' life in Holy Week.	Branch 5: To the ends of the Earth Explore the main beliefs around the resurrection of Jesus. How the key belief influences Christian understandings of the person of Jesus and the soul. Learn about beliefs about life after death and the immortality of the soul. Explore how beliefs in resurrection and the soul influence the Catholic funeral rite.	Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter (Study of Islam) Explore dialogue within the Catholic Church and how Pope Paul VI and Vatican II opened interfaith dialogue. Learn about the different Churches within the Catholic. Explore the key beliefs and practices of the Islamic faith. Understand how Muslims express and celebrate their faith.



Vocabulary	• Baptism • Genesis • Concupiscence • Conscience • Decalogue • Freedom • Original Sin • The Fall • Responsibility	• Three-Fold Office • Prophet • Lay people • Messiah • Messianic Fulfilment • Ministry • Repentance • Advent • Jesse Tree	• Kingdom • Miracle • Parable • Anointing of the Sick • Moral Sense of Scripture • Mercy • Marginalised	• Fasting, almsgiving and prayer • Lent • Passion • Problem of evil • Sacrament of penance • Suffering • Suffering servant • Triduum	• Hell • Requiem • Purgatory • Heaven • Judgement • Funeral Rite • Death • Resurrection • Empty Tomb	• Second Vatican Council • Hajj • Mosque • Mohammad • Qur'an • Salah • Sawm • Shahadah • Zakat
Assessment	• Recall Rally • Milestone (Big Write) • Milestone assessment (end of topic)	• Recall Rally • Milestone (Big Write) • Milestone assessment (end of topic)	• Recall Rally • Big Write (extended writing) • Spring Term: Summative Assessment	• Recall Rally • Milestone (Big Write) • Milestone assessment (end of topic)	• Recall Rally • Milestone (Big Write) • Milestone assessment (end of topic)	• Recall Rally • Milestone (Big Write) • Summer Term: Summative Assessment
Links to prior learning	• KS2 RED Curriculum • Year 7 Focus: Introduction to God as Creator, the dignity of the human person, and the covenant with humanity.	• KS2 RED Curriculum • Year 7 Focus: Introduction to prophets as messengers of God and their call for justice.	• KS2 RED Curriculum • Year 7 Focus: Basic overview of Jesus' life, teachings, and miracles.	• KS2 RED Curriculum • Year 7 Focus: Introduction to suffering, Lent, and Easter.	• KS2 RED Curriculum • Year 7 Focus: Early Church and key events like Pentecost.	• KS2 RED Curriculum • Year 7 Focus: Introduction to world religions and basic interfaith awareness. Study of Hinduism



Catholic Social Teaching	• Care for creation • Solidarity • Dignity of the human person • Common Good	• Solidarity • Common Good	• Dignity of work and participation • Common Good • Solidarity	• Dignity of the human person • Solidarity	• Common Good • Dignity of the human person • Solidarity • Subsidiarity	• Solidarity • Dignity of the human person
Careers and Personal Development links	• careers in sustainability, environmental science, or ethical business • Develop skills for leadership and management • Supports roles in healthcare, social work, or education	• Inspires careers in law, human rights, or public policy • Public Speaking and Communication • Builds personal development through the theme of perseverance and hope in adversity.	• Fosters values ideal for leadership in any sector, • Ethical challenges in business, medicine, and law. • Encourages careers in community development, education, and pastoral care.	• Supports careers in counseling, nursing, and mental health. • Promotes personal resilience—key for handling career setbacks or challenges. • Encourages lifelong learning and self-awareness, beneficial in teaching, coaching, or ministry.	• Global Awareness • Communication Skills – Fosters public speaking, writing, and digital evangelisation skills. • Understanding Church Structures and Beliefs	• Cultural Competence in multicultural workplaces. • Conflict Resolution • Respect for Diversity.