



"The unexamined life is not worth living." - Socrates

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To study Religious Studies, you do not have to be religious! It is taught with an open mind and with non-bias. Approximately 87% of the world's population believe in a 'God'. As students go into the world, they will inevitably encounter religions and their followers. Religious Studies at Farmor's aims to educate students on the beliefs and practices of the six world religions.

They should leave Farmor's with knowledge and understanding of these world faiths along with their practices. During their time they should also examine and question the size of the universe and their place in it looking at the philosophical concept of chance or purpose.

The non examined Year 10 course is designed to give students a chance to engage with big philosophical questions as well as contemporary issues and debates within society. It covers a wide range of both religious and non-religious perspectives and enables students to critically evaluate these perspectives and in doing so better reflect on their own beliefs and values.





	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Year 7	Introduction to Religious Studies: - Why does the universe exist? - World Religions: Symbols - Art and Religion: Words are not enough - Beyond Belief Game	Judaism: -Abraham -Moses and the Exodus -Pesach -Jewish Identity -Kosher -Jerusalem	Christianity: -Who is Jesus? -Baptism -Parables -Miracles -Easter	Islam: -Introduction to Islam -Mosques and Salah -Sawn -Zakah -Hajj -Being a Muslim in Britain -Muslim art	Expressing Spirituality: -What do we mean by spiritual -Primitive expressions of spirituality and writing -Ritual and dance Music and spirituality	
Year 8	Buddhism: -Siddhartha Gautama early life and enlightenment -Three Universal Truths -Dharma -Buddhist monastery and life -Nirvana and the Wheel of Life	Hinduism: -Trimurti -6 Blind men and the elephant - Dharma - Gandhi - Mandir - Nirvana, Moksha, karma	Sikhism: -Guru Nanak -Guru Granth Sahib -The Khalsa and 5 K's -Gurdwara -Sewa		Ultimate Questions: -The existence of God -Life after death -Problem of evil and suffering -Humanism and atheism	
Year 9	Introduction to Ethics: -What do we mean by ethics? -Different approaches to ethical issuesJesus, the Bible and Ethics -Diversity within Christianity: Fundamentalism and Liberalism Denominations	Right to Life: -Sanctity of Life -Abortion -Euthanasia -Hospices	The Use of Medical Technology -Fertility Treatment -Christian attitudes to Fertility Treatment -Surrogacy -Genetic Engineering: Saviour Siblings -Genetic Engineering: Designer Babies -Cloning	Personal Responsibility: -Human Dignity -Sex and Sexuality -Christian Attitudes to Sex and Sexuality -The Use and Abuse of Drugs -Christian Attitudes to Drug Use	Social Responsibility: -The Importance of Family and -Marriage -Alternatives to Marriage and -Prejudice and Discrimination -Prejudice and Discrimination Elderly	l Divorce : Race





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Year 10	Big questions: Creation of the universe - The big bang - 7 days? - Hindu creation myths - Multiverse theory - The end of the universe	New religious movements and cults - What are NRMs and cults? - Scientology - Kabbalah - Rastafarianism -Pastafarianism	Big questions: Does God exist? - Arguments for the existence of God - Arguments against the existence of God - Near death experiences - Visions or hallucinations - Miracles	Religion in 21st century Britian - Why is religion on the decline? - What has replaced religion in society? - Techno Christianity and the internet - Charity and religion - Evangelism and Missionaries.	Big questions: What happens when we die? -Heaven and hell -Reincarnation and Rebirth - Are ghosts real? - Mediums and psychics	Human rights - The Equalities act and protected characteristics - Prejudice and discrimination - LGBTQ+ including religious perspective - Civil rights locally and globally (MLK and Bristol bus boycotts) - Religious views on Human rights





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Year 10	Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings Key beliefs Jesus Christ and Salvation	Christianity: Practices Worship and festivals The role of the Church	Religion: Crime and Punishment Religion, crime and the causes of crime Religion and punishment	Islam: Beliefs and Teachings Key Beliefs Authority	Islam: Practices Worship Duties and Festivals	
Year 11	Religion and Life Origins of the Universe Origins and value of human life	Religion and Families Sex, marriage and divorce Family and gender equality	Religion: Peace and Conflict Religion, violence, terrorism and war Religion and belief in 21st century conflict	Exam preparation	Exam preparation	

GCSE exam board: AQA





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Year 12	Philosophy: Philosophical issues and questions Buddhism: Religious beliefs, values and teachings	Ethics: A study of three ethical theories. Philosophy: The nature and influence of religious experience	Buddhism: Sources of wisdom and authority Ethics: Significant concepts in issues or debates in religion and ethics	Philosophy: Problems of evil and suffering Buddhism: Practices that shape and express religious identity	Ethics: Application of ethical theories to issues of importance Philosophy: Religious language	Buddhism: Social and historical developments.
Year 13	Ethics: Ethical language Philosophy: Works of scholars	Buddhism: Works of scholars Ethics: Deontology, virtue ethics and the works of scholars	Philosophy: Influences of developments in religious belief Buddhism: Religion and society	Ethics: Medical ethics: beginning and end of life debates	Exam preparation	Exam preparation

A level exam board: Edexcel