			Year 9 Overview – Religious Studies
Date			Units Studied & Learning Outcomes
Tues 2-Sep		1	Unit 1: Evil and Suffering (8 lessons) This topic will be introduced with an exploration of ultimate questions; what they are; and
Wednesday- whole school	Α		possible answers that exist. Students will be reminded of the importance of approaching this subject with sensitivity and maturity, with clear expectations set. This topic will be taught using
8-Sep	В	2	case studies and media stories to support students learning and to allow them to build an
15-Sep		3	argument, and challenge their own misconceptions, developing a clear and detailed opinion on
(INSET Friday)	Α		God's existence, supported with evidence. This topic will be underpinned by the enquiry
22-Sep	В	4	question; 'Without evil, there can be no good'
29-Sep	Α	5	Lesson Sequence of Content:
6-Oct	В	6	Lesson 1: Explore Ultimate Questions (SA) Lesson 2: Can God exist alongside evil and suffering?
13-Oct	Α	7	Lesson 3: Where does evil come from? (SA)
			Lesson 4: Religious responses to the origin of evil (PA)
20-Oct	В	8	
3-Nov	Α	9	Lesson 5: Can good come from evil? (Charity Research) Lesson 6: How do religious people help those who are suffering? (Charity Presentations) (PA)
10-Nov		1	Lesson 7: TAT Lesson 8: TAT Feedback and ST1 revision lesson
	В	0	Lesson 8: TAT Feedback and STI revision lesson
			Unit Learning Outcomes:
17-Nov	Α		GW : Students can define key terms such as ultimate question and moral question; Omnipotent
		11	and Omnibenevolent and state religious beliefs about the origin of evil. BI: Students can describe Christian and Muslim beliefs about God and how to respond to
24-Nov	В	12	suffering, using key terms to strengthen. EW : Students can evaluate to what extent an all loving God can exist alongside suffering, using
1-Dec	Α		specific examples to support.
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8-Dec	В	14	
15-Dec	Α		
		15	High 2. Homen Va Animal Life (Classens)
5-Jan	В	16	Unit 2: Human Vs Animal Life (6 lessons) This topic will explore the role of humans and animals on earth from a religious and atheist
	Α	ST	viewpoint. It will include a comparison of human and animals and will be underpinned by the
12-Jan		1	enquiry question; "Do humans abuse their power over animals?"
	В	ST	Lesson Sequence of Content:
19-Jan		1	Lesson 1: ST1 "God cannot possibly exist alongside evil and suffering"
	Α		Lesson 2: ST1 Feedback and What makes us human (Intro)
26-Jan	_	19	Lesson 3: How different are humans and animals? (SA)
2-Feb	В	20	
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9-Feb	<u> </u>	21	
23-Feb	В	22	Lesson 4: Do humans abuse their power over animals?
2-Mar	Α	23	Lesson 5: Should animals have rights? (PA)
9-Mar	В	24	Lesson 6: TAT
16-Mar	Α	25	Unit Learning Outcomes:
23-Mar	В	26	GW: Students can describe the qualities that I think makes us human
30-Mar			BI: Students can compare human and animal qualities and start to discuss if there is a difference
(finish			EW: Students can begin to explain if human life is more or less important than animal life.
Wednesday 1st April)	Α	27	
20-Apr	В	28	Unit 3: Issues of Human Life (6 lessons)
27-Apr			This topic will be introduced using case studies and videos to share varying experiences and
,	Α	29	opinions on issues of life and death and moral dilemmas. Each lesson will give students the

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4-May		30	opportunity to explore opposing viewpoints (religious and atheist) before allowing them to form their own viewpoint and be able to express that effectively. From this topic, students will be able
(Bank holiday Mon)	В	30	to develop their knowledge and skills around moral dilemmas and the impact of religious beliefs
	A	31	and practices.
11-May	А	31	This topic will be underpinned by the enquiry question; "it is never right to take a life in any
18-May			circumstances"
			Lesson Sequence of Content:
			Lesson 1: Consider different opinions surrounding abortion
			Lesson 2: Is abortion ever Justified (PA)
			Lesson 3: Evaluate quality of life (Non option Students)
			Lesson 3: Option Students ONLY ST2: Keywords, describe and explain question and evaluate
			question
	В	32	
1-Jun	Α	33	Lesson 4: Discuss if Euthanasia should be legalised in the UK (PA)
9-Jun		ST	Lesson 5: Express a persuasive opinion for or against the death penalty (TAT- Debate)
3 34	В	2	Lesson 6: Inside Death Row Doc
16-Jun		ST	
	Α	2	Unit Learning Outcomes:
23-Jun		36	GW : Students can state religious beliefs about the origin of life and define key terms such as sanctity/quality of life
	В		BI: Students can use their knowledge of sanctity and quality of life to discuss moral arguments
30-Jun	Α	37	surrounding life and death
7-Jul	В	38	EW : Students can evaluate the legalising of abortion, euthanasia and the use of the death penalty
14-Jul			in the UK. Students can use examples, and various religious and atheist views to support their
			evaluation.
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