

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Student year: **Upper 4 (Yr 9)**

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## Subject / Topic

## Skills / Attitudes

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### **ULTIMATE QUESTIONS** (One term)

Religions focus: Christianity and various

- Exploring life's "Big questions": Is there a God?, Why do we suffer?, What happens when we die?
- Developing skills in evaluation and argument.

### **EXPLORING JUDAISM** (One term)

Religions focus: Judaism

- Exploring some of the key beliefs and practices of Judaism.
- Investigating the impact of the Twentieth Century Holocaust/Shoah on Jewish life and thought.

### **RELIGION, IDENTITY AND DIVERSITY** (One term)

Religions focus: Various

- Understanding the background to the UK as a multi-faith society; prejudice, religious conflict and tolerance.
- Community cohesion; relationships between faith communities.
- Critical exploration of current religious controversies and their portrayal in the media.

- Ability to investigate and explain differing influences of religious beliefs on individuals, communities and societies.
- Development of critical thinking, interpretation, evaluation and communication skills.
- Moral awareness, self-knowledge, respect for others, open-mindedness, empathy, global awareness.