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Year/Term	Unit	Intent
Overall		 The outcome of excellent Religious Education is to produce religiously literate and engaged young people who have the knowledge, understanding and skills – appropriate to their age and capacity – to reflect spiritually, and think ethically and theologically, and who are aware of the demands of religious commitment in everyday life. All schemes of learning focus on developing four key areas: Knowledge and understanding Experience – how can we experience the love of God in our lives? Response – how people live their lives in response to faith? Evaluation – expressing our own views and those of others with justification. Developing appraisal skills.
Autumn 1	Judaism	To develop skills of knowledge, understanding, evaluation, analysis and response to the following topics.
		 Introduction to Judaism God the Almighty Branches of Judaism Abraham Brit Milah and Bar and Bat Mitzvah Moses The Ten Commandments
		 Mitzvot Kashrut Torah Synagogue
Autumn 2	Holocaust and Religious Persecution	To develop skills of knowledge, understanding, evaluation, analysis and response to the following topics.
		 Introduction to the Holocaust Antisemitism Changing life for the Jews The Ghettos The Final Solution Heroes of the Holocaust Children of the Holocaust Liberation Remembering the Holocaust
		 Anti-Semitism today Religious Persecution
Spring 1	Crime and Punishment	To develop skills of knowledge, understanding, evaluation, analysis and response to the following topics.
		 The need for justice and Christian attitudes. Causes of crime and Christian responses



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		 The media – crime and punishment Types and aims of punishment. Christian attitudes towards punishment. Christian teachings about forgiveness The treatment of criminals around the world. Capital punishment. Religious and non – religious attitudes to capital punishment
Spring 2	Peace and Conflict	To develop skills of knowledge, understanding, evaluation, analysis and response to the following topics. Causes and effects of conflict Types of war The UN and world peace Religious organisations and world peace Just war theory Nuclear war The media – peace and conflict Christian attitudes to war Pacifism Religious conflicts within families
Summer 1	Environmental and Medical Issues	To develop skills of knowledge, understanding, evaluation, analysis and response to the following topics.• Global warming • Pollution • Scarcity of natural resources • Christian Stewardship • Animal rights • Infertility treatments • Transplant surgery • Abortion • Euthanasia • Genetic engineering. • Human rights • The media – Environmental and Medical Issues
Summer 2	Vocation and Inspiration	To develop skills of knowledge, understanding, evaluation, analysis and response to the following topics. • What is a vocation? • Christian vocation. • Religious Communities • Choosing a Pope • Pope Francis • The Swiss Guard



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• Inspirational figures project