

Year 9 RE/Citizenship overview rationale

As students have gained more cultural understanding and are more mature in their skills of analysis and comprehension the first module of ethics is designed to inspire a challenging start to the year where students use their gained skills of oracy and research to present arguments on difficult concepts. This is then developed into specific religious themes so that the skills of module one can be applied.

The links to the Holocaust are explored to support the History curriculum at this time and to give a case study of the failure of humanity. This is then extended into the fourth module to show the dangers of discrimination are global and current.

The fifth module continues to look at global concepts but uses a political emphasis to consider the global contribution to making the world a fairer and more tolerant place for all.

The final module ends by exploring the global impact of Hinduism and Sikhism and seeks to raise awareness of the two faiths by celebrating contribution and linking back to their impact on geo-politics.

HALF TERM	YEAR 9
1	<p style="text-align: center;">SCIENCE AND ETHICS KEY QUESTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are ethics? • Euthanasia • GM foods • Animal experimentation • The death sentence
2	<p style="text-align: center;">RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSIES KEY QUESTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are religions prejudiced? • Arranged marriage • Female genital mutilation • Is religious dress wrong? • Does religion make the world a better place?
3	<p style="text-align: center;">JUDAISM AND HOLOCAUST KEY QUESTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Judaism? • Introduction to the Holocaust • Why was there no effective opposition? • How could the Holocaust happen? • Who is to blame for the Holocaust?
4	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTARIANISM KEY QUESTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sectarianism, intolerance and hate crime • Sectarianism study - Northern Ireland • Sectarianism example – Rwanda • A world without sectarianism and hate
5	<p style="text-align: center;">GEO POLITICS KEY QUESTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The British Empire and Commonwealth • What is Brexit and what are its implications? • League of Nations and the United Nations • NATO and the Warsaw Pact
6	<p style="text-align: center;">HINDUISM & SIKHISM KEY QUESTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Hinduism? • Gandhi's story • What is Sikhism? • The contribution of prominent British Sikhs.