KS5 Curriculum Overview: Christian Thought: Component 3 (Year 13) and Philosophy of Religion (Year 13)

Rationale: OCR A Level Religious Studies will encourage learners to...

- develop their interest in a rigorous study of religion and belief and relate it to the wider world
- develop knowledge and understanding appropriate to a specialist study of religion
- develop an understanding and appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies
- adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of the world, cultures and beliefs
- reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study

Term / Length of Unit	Outline	Assessment	Home Learning	Resources	Knowledge/Skills End Points	Reading
Autumn 1	Religious Pluralism – The teaching of contemporary Christian Theology of religion on exclusivism, inclusivism and pluralism Religious Pluralism and Society – The developments of multi-faith societies, Christian responses to, including responses of Christian communities to inter-faith dialogue and The Scriptural reasoning movement	Students complete essay/exam question, 'To what extent does a theologically pluralist approach undermine the central doctrines of Christianity?' Students complete essay/exam question, "Evaluate the claim that migration is the primary cause of multi-faith societies.'	Wider reading Revision and review activities	SOL Power points for each lesson A wide variety of books to support extra reading Websites	Theological pluralism, Marx, Gender and Theology Skills: Knowledge Expression Application Evaluation	Guided reading tasks Independent study reading tasks Text book support from OCR Extracts taken directly from philosophical texts
Autumn 2	Gender and Society – The effects of changing views of gender and gender roles on Christian thought and practice including Christian teaching on the roles of men and women in the family and society	Students complete essay/exam question 'There is no such thing as an ideal Christian family.' Discuss Students complete essay/exam question 'To what	Wider reading Revision and review activities	SOL Power points for each lesson A wide variety of books to support extra reading Websites	Theological pluralism, Marx, Gender and Theology Skills: Knowledge Expression Application Evaluation	Guided reading tasks Independent study reading tasks Text book support from OCR Extracts taken directly from philosophical texts





	Gender and Theology – The reinterpretation of God by feminist theologians including the teaching of Radford, Ruether and Daly on gender and its implications for the Christian idea of God	extent does it matter whether God is presented in male or female terms?'				
Spring 1	The challenge of secularism – The rise of secularism and secularisation and the view that God is an illusion and the result of wish fulfilment Liberation Theology and Marx – The relationship of LT and Marx including Marx's teaching on alienation and exploitation	Students complete essay/exam question 'To what extent are spiritual values just human values?' Students complete essay/exam question 'To what extent should theology be about changing the world not interpreting it?'	Wider reading Revision and review activities	SOL Power points for each lesson A wide variety of books to support extra reading Websites	Theological pluralism, Marx, Gender and Theology Skills: Knowledge Expression Application Evaluation	Guided reading tasks Independent study reading tasks Text book support from OCR Extracts taken directly from philosophical texts
Spring 2	The nature or attributes of God – Understanding of the attributes: Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omni benevolence Religious Language – The Via Negativa, The Via Positivia, Symbol, Logical Positivism, Wittgenstein's views on language games	Students complete essay/exam question 'To what extent is it true to say God knows everything?' Students complete essay/exam question 'Assess the belief that talk about God is meaningless.' Discuss	Wider reading Revision and review activities	SOL Power points for each lesson A wide variety of books to support extra reading Websites	Theological pluralism, Marx, Gender and Theology Skills: Knowledge Expression Application Evaluation	Guided reading tasks Independent study reading tasks Text book support from OCR Extracts taken directly from philosophical texts



