Religious Education Year 8 Curriculum Map 2026/27

Week Commencing	Lesson topic	HAIL	Assessment
Staff INSET 01/09 Students Return 02/09	Inspirational Leaders: who are inspirational leaders and the impact they have on society today? Lesson 1 – Martin Luther King	3.4.1 Introduction to Equality 3.4.2 Is the UK Equal?	
07/09/2026	Lesson 2 – Steven Lawrence	3.4.3 Religion & Equality 3.4.4 Interpreting Scriptures	
14/09/2026	Lesson 3 – Desmond Tutu	3.4.5 Racism & Scripture 3.4.6 Scripture against racism	
21/09/2026	Lesson 4 - Oscar Romero	3.4.7 The fight for Racial Equality	
28/09/2026	Lesson 5 – Malala	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	
05/10/2026	**Learning Checkpoint**	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	**Learning Checkpoint**
12/10/2026	**Wave 1 & 2- Data driven improvements**	Keywords & Spellings	
19/10/2026	Women in Religion: Has the role of women within religion been a constant? Lesson 1 - Prejudice	1.3.22 Written Authority – The Bible	
October Half Term			
02/11/2026	Lesson 2 – Adam & Eve	1..3.23 Interpreting the Bible	
09/11/2026	Lesson 3 – Women in Christianity	1.3.32 The Future of Christianity	
16/11/2026	Lesson 4 – Roles of women in the Church	2.1.11 Islam Today	
23/11/2026	Lesson 5 – Women in Islam	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	
30/11/2026	**Learning Checkpoint**	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	**Learning Checkpoint**
07/12/2026	**Wave 1 & 2- Data driven improvements**	Keywords & Spellings	
14/12/2026	Crime & Punishment: How do religious people respond to the treatment of criminals? Lesson 1 – Is our society just?	3.2.1 What is the right thing to do?	
Christmas Break			
04/01/2027	Lesson 2 – Why do people commit crimes?	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	
11/01/2027	**AR1 Assessment Prep and completion** **Specification Content** • Inspirational Leaders • Women in Religion *Revision resources available on Teams.*	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	**AR1**
18/01/2027		Smart Assign Seneca Revision	**AR1**
25/01/2027	**Wave 1 & 2- Data driven improvements**	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	

01/02/2027	Lesson 3 – What are the aims of punishment?	3.2.2 Building a moral code	
08/02/2027	Lesson 4 - Forgiveness	3.2.4 Criticism of Natural Law	
February Half Term			
22/02/2027	Lesson 5 – Treatment of Criminals - Death penalty	3.2.13 Capital Punishment	
01/03/2027	Lesson 6 – Are we born evil?	3.2.14 Arguments against Capital Punishment	
08/03/2027	Lesson 7 – Treatment of Criminals - Prisons	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	
15/03/2027	**Learning Checkpoint**	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	**Learning Checkpoint**
22/03/2027	**Wave 1 & 2- Data driven improvements**	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	
Easter Break			
12/04/2027	Religion and Life Lesson 1 – The Story of Mary and Josie	3.2.6 Understanding Situation Ethics	
13/04/2027	Lesson 2 – Life after death	3.1.8 Sources of Morality	
26/04/2027	Lesson 3 – Case Study of Joan Walker	3.1.9 Human Morality	
03/05/2027	Lesson 4 – Do we have the right to decide to die?	3.2.7 Sanctity of Life 3.2.8 Quality of Life	
10/05/2027	Lesson 5 – Is it ever right to prolong life?	3.2.11 Euthanasia	
17/05/2027	**Learning Checkpoint**	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	**Learning Checkpoint**
24/05/2027	**Wave 1 & 2- Data driven improvements**	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	
May Half Term			
07/06/2026	Religion in Focus: Judaism Lesson 1 – The Abrahamic Religions	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	
14/06/2026	**AR2 Assessment Prep and completion** **Specification Content** • Inspirational Leaders • Women in Religion • Crime & Punishment • Religion & Life *Revision resources available on Teams.*	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	**AR2**
21/06/2026	**Wave 1 & 2- Data driven improvements**	Smart Assign Seneca Revision	**AR2**
27/06/2026	Lesson 2 – Abraham and Isaac	Keywords & Spellings	
05/07/2027	Lesson 3 – The Torah	Keywords & Spellings	
12/07/2027	Lesson 4 - Moses		