## Curriculum Map: A-Level Subject: RELIGIOUS STUDIES

	Autumn 1 – September/October	Autumn 2- November/December	Spring 1- January/February	Spring 2- March/April	Summer 1- May/June	Summer 2- July
<b>Content</b> - WHAT will be learned? What previous learning can be linked? Why this order/ <b>sequence</b> ?	36 Lessons Overarching Question: How can religions be sure that statements made about God are true?	28 Lessons	38 Lessons Overarching Question: 'Can theologians and scholars prove God exists?	27 Lessons	26 lessons Overarching Question: 'Is there any evidence for the existence of God'	15 lessons
	<b>Topic 1</b> – introduction to ancient philosophical thinkers	<b>Topic 3</b> – Philosophical Analysis of religious language and its cognitive meaningfulness	<b>Topic 4</b> – Arguments for the existence of God 1.Ontology <b>Topic 5</b> - Arguments for the	<b>Topic 6-</b> Arguments for the existence of God 3. Teleology	<b>Topic 7</b> – Evidence for the existence of God 1. Religious Experiences	<b>Topic 9</b> : Arguments against God, The Problem of Evil and suffering
	<b>Topic 2</b> - Introduction to religious language, what is truth?	meaningruniess	existence of God 2 Cosmology		<b>Topic 8</b> – Evidence for the existence of God 2. Miracles	Summer holiday work: study the pre-reader on 'continued existence of the soul'
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Skills- What will be developed?	AO1 SKILLS- FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE -scholars -bodies of work -quotable references -philosophical knowledge -key concepts -philosophical language -Independent research skills	AO2 SKILLS- ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPTS -identify concepts -analysis of concepts -evaluation of concepts -comparison of religious thought and philosophical ideas	AO1 SKILLS- FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE -scholars -bodies of work -quotable references -philosophical knowledge -key concepts -philosophical language -Independent research skills AO2 SKILLS- ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPTS -identify concepts -analysis of concepts -evaluation of concepts -comparison of religious	AO1 SKILLS- FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE -scholars -bodies of work -quotable references -philosophical knowledge -key concepts -philosophical language -Independent research skills AO2 SKILLS- ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPTS -identify concepts -analysis of concepts -evaluation of concepts -comparison of religious	AO1 SKILLS- FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE -scholars -bodies of work -quotable references -philosophical knowledge -key concepts -philosophical language -Independent research skills AO2 SKILLS- ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPTS -identify concepts -analysis of concepts -evaluation of concepts -comparison of religious	AO1 SKILLS- FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE -scholars -bodies of work -quotable references -philosophical knowledge -key concepts -philosophical language -Independent research skills AO2 SKILLS- ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPTS -identify concepts -analysis of concepts -evaluation of concepts -comparison of religious
Key 'How'/'Why' Questions- What <b>powerful knowledge</b> will be gained? What areas/themes/concepts will be explored?	<ul> <li>How did ancient Greek philosophers</li> <li>Socrates, Plato &amp; Aristotle lay the foundation for rational thought?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How did A.J. Ayer and the Logical Positivists analyse religious statements?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>thought and philosophical ideas</li> <li>How did St. Anselm present his a priori ontological argument for the existence of God?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>thought and philosophical ideas</li> <li>How can Thomas Aquinas 5<sup>th</sup> way be used to support teleological views?</li> <li>What did William Paley contribute to</li> </ul>	thought and philosophical ideas Can religious experiences such as dreams/ visions/ stigmata/ angel visitations/ be used	<ul> <li>thought and philosophical ideas</li> <li>What is moral evil and what is natural evil?</li> <li>Why does evil exist according to Christianity?</li> </ul>

## Year Group: 12

<ul> <li>What was Plato's analogy of the Shadowy Cave?</li> <li>What did Aristotle believe about the forces within nature?</li> <li>Why does religious astatements?</li> <li>What is faith asymptions are true?</li> <li>What is a priori and a posteriori and box we recognise it in a set of premises?</li> <li>What is meant by deductive reasoning?</li> <li>What is crucular argument and a fallacy?</li> <li>What is a fail and a statements?</li> </ul>	day philosopher's such as Plantinga, continued the ontological debate?anthropic principle cause some scientist to believe in a designer?• Does ontology prove the existence• What is meant by the Goldie Locks	<ul> <li>as evide existence</li> <li>What ty religious has been categori</li> <li>What bi evidence religious experier</li> <li>How car religious of Joan used as the supe</li> <li>Why did James si religious as evide divine?</li> <li>How car experier people i with the accordir Stace?</li> <li>How car experier divine at Rudolf C</li> <li>How car experier divine at Rudolf C</li> <li>How did Pankie's experim Micheal God Hel that reli experier reprodu scientifie</li> <li>What is principle testimon Credulit</li> <li>What is anti-rea to Miraces</li> <li>What di Wiles be Miracles</li> <li>What is</li> </ul>

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 How does the Epicurean paradox expose the problem with the existence of evil in the world and the existence of an omni-benevolent God in the world?

 How did St.
 Augustine explain the problem of evil and compatibility with the existence of God?

• What is Hick's soulmaking theodicy?

 How is freewill used as a defence against atheist views of God?

 How did John Mackie use the freewill defence to show God did not exist?

 How does Alvin Plantinga use possible world model to explain why the Freewill defence is a plausible reason is for evil?

 What is William Rowe's response to the freewill defences and why does he use nature as his example?

• What are **Hume's** criticisms of the issue?

• Does the problem of evil prove that God does not exist?

					• Can religious experiences be used to prove the existence of God?	
<b>SEND</b> - how will support be seen? Seating plans? Simplified questions?	On a case-by-case bases to help and support the individual students needs Resources can be adapted to suit needs	On a case-by-case bases to help and support the individual students needs Resources can be adapted to suit needs	On a case-by-case bases to help and support the individual students needs Resources can be adapted to suit needs	On a case-by-case bases to help and support the individual students needs Resources can be adapted to suit needs	On a case-by-case bases to help and support the individual students needs Resources can be adapted to suit needs	On a case-by-case bases to help and support the individual students needs Resources can be adapted to suit needs
Assessment- What? Why?	Component 1: requires students to be able to demonstrate good AO1 factual knowledge and understanding of the philosophy of religion. Assessment 1: philosophical key concepts test Assessment 2: written response, exam practice question: 'Examine the meaning of religious language as 'symbolic' (10marks)	Component 1: requires students to be able to demonstrate good AO2 analytical understanding of the philosophy of religion, the ability to critically evaluate a philosophical viewpoint. Assessment 3: Essay (2-3 PAGES EXPECTED) 'Religion has no satisfactory response to the challenge of verification'. (15 marks)	Assessment 4: Ontology key concepts test Assessment 5: exam practice question: 'Examine Anselm's classical ontological argument (10 marks) Assessment 6: essay question; 'The ontological argument proves the existence of God' (15 marks) Assessment 7: Cosmology key concepts test Assessment 8: exam practice question: 'Examine Aquinas' approach to proving the existence of God' (10 marks) Assessment 9: essay question; 'Aquinas' 3 <sup>rd</sup> way proves the existence of God' (15 marks) (Yr12 mock examination 1)	Assessment 10: Teleology key concepts test Assessment 11: exam practice question: 'Examine hoe teleology has developed over time' (10 marks) Assessment 12: essay question; 'there is no evidence of design in the universe' (15 marks)	Assessment 13: Religious experiences key concepts test Assessment 14: exam practice question: 'Examine the key ideas of Hume and Wiles on Miracles' (10 marks) Assessment 15: essay question; 'Religious experiences prove God exists' (15 marks)	Assessment 10: Problem of evil key concepts test Assessment 11: exam practice question: 'Examine Hick's soul-making theodicy' (10 marks) Assessment 12: essay question; 'The Freewill theodicy is inadequate as a theodicy' (15 marks)
What <b>memory for learning</b> skills will be required- modelling? Concrete answers? Retrieval?	*Knowledge retrieval of key concepts through testing *Scaffolding approach to exam practice questions *Sharing of quality written answers *Model 10-mark answers used to make improvements *Exam board mark scheme	*Knowledge retrieval of key concepts through testing * Scaffolding of approach to exam practice questions *Sharing of quality written answers *Model 15-mark answers used to make improvements *Exam board mark scheme	*Knowledge retrieval of key concepts through testing * Scaffolding of approach to exam practice questions *Sharing of quality written answers *Model 10-mark answers used to make	*Knowledge retrieval of key concepts through testing * Scaffolding of approach to exam practice questions *Sharing of quality written answers *Model 10-mark answers used to make	*Knowledge retrieval of key concepts through testing * Scaffolding of approach to exam practice questions *Sharing of quality written answers * Model 10-mark answers used to make	*Knowledge retrieval of key concepts through testing * Scaffolding of approach to exam practice questions *Sharing of quality written answers * Model 10-mark answers used to make

	*Comprehension of pre- reading materials through discussion *Homework Quizes	*Comprehension of pre- reading materials through discussion *Homework Quizes	*Model 15-mark answers used to make improvements *Exam board mark scheme *Comprehension of pre- reading materials through discussion *Homework Quizes	*Model 15-mark answers used to make improvements *Exam board mark scheme *Comprehension of pre- reading materials through discussion *Homework Quizes	*Model 15-mark answers used to make improvements *Exam board mark scheme *Comprehension of pre- reading materials through discussion *Homework Quizes	*Model 15-mark answers used to make improvements *Exam board mark scheme *Comprehension of pre- reading materials through discussion *Homework Quizes
Literacy- reading, extended accurate writing and oracy opportunities	<ul> <li>Each student is given a 'pre- reader' - a booklet which contains a brief overview on Plato and Aristotle and their philosophy. The aim is to come to lessons with some initial understanding of the concept. This is set as homework/self-study</li> <li>10-mark written question will be set to ensure quality learning is taking place.</li> <li>Class dialogues are a required processes and tool for understanding philosophy.</li> </ul>	Each student is given a <b>'pre- reader'</b> - a booklet which contains a brief overview on the principle of verification and their philosophy. The aim is to come to lessons with some initial understanding of the concept. This is set as homework/self-study <b>15-mark written question</b> will be set to ensure quality learning is taking place. <b>Class dialogues</b> are a required processes and tool for understanding philosophy.	Each student is given a 'pre- reader' - a booklet which contains a brief overview on Arguments for the existence of God and their philosophy. The aim is to come to lessons with some initial understanding of the concept. This is set as homework/self-study 10-mark and 15 mark written question will be set to ensure quality learning is taking place. Class dialogues are a required processes and tool for understanding philosophy.	Each student is given a 'pre- reader' - a booklet which contains a brief overview on Arguments for the existence of God and their philosophy. The aim is to come to lessons with some initial understanding of the concept. This is set as homework/self-study <b>10-mark and 15 mark</b> written question will be set to ensure quality learning is taking place. Class dialogues are a required processes and tool for understanding philosophy.	Each student is given a 'pre- reader' - a booklet which contains a brief overview on religious experience and Miracles and their philosophy. The aim is to come to lessons with some initial understanding of the concept. This is set as homework/self-study <b>10-mark and 15 mark</b> written question will be set to ensure quality learning is taking place. <b>Class dialogues</b> are a required processes and tool for understanding philosophy.	Each student is given a 'pre- reader' - a booklet which contains a brief overview on the problem of evil and suffering and their philosophy. The aim is to come to lessons with some initial understanding of the concept. This is set as homework/self-study <b>10-mark and 15 mark</b> written question will be set to ensure quality learning is taking place. <b>Class dialogues</b> are a required processes and tool for understanding philosophy.
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Character development	Developing the skills needed to be able to critically analyse a concept or theory, be able to recognise the philosophical approach taken and be able to evaluate truth claims	Developing the skills needed to be able to critically analyse a concept or theory, be able to recognise the philosophical approach taken and be able to evaluate truth claims	Use the skills learnt in Autumn term and be able to apply these to critically evaluate the three arguments for the existence of God	Use the skills learnt in Autumn term and be able to apply these to critically evaluate the three arguments for the existence of God	Be able to use the evaluation skills develop to determine how 'evidence' presented is cognitively meaningful, and substantial enough to be deemed as proof Good use of analysis and	Be able to use the evaluation skills develop to determine how 'evidence' presented is cognitively meaningful, and substantial enough to be deemed as proof
Character development Connects with Equality and diversity Equality/Diversity opportunities	Claims Developing analysis skills Understanding the diversity of opinion when it comes to claims about 'truth' from various religious groups who hold extremist views as well as those who have more moderate faith	evaluate truth claims Developing analysis skills Understanding the diversity of opinion when it comes to claims about 'truth', and developing mature and sensitive ways to critically debate and argue a point of view	Developing evaluation skills Understanding the diversity of opinion when it comes to claims about 'truth' Developing analytical and literacy skills to challenge religious belief	Developing evaluation skills Understanding the diversity of opinions which challenge our understanding of the origins of the universe, developing students' ability to sensitively respond to those with religious views	Good use of analysis and evaluation skills Understanding how life after death and belief in the soul can impact the views within society about the preciousness of life, including the debate on abortion, embryology, stem	Good use of analysis and evaluation skills Understanding the views of those who hold atheistic and humanist opinions in society and their views about the condition of the world and those who suffer it.

				about creation and those who hold to the scientific account of the expanding universe	cell studies and designer babies, and sensitively developing debate on these issues.	Developing ways to sensitively argue for and against the existence of God
Homework/Independent learning	Homework is set using the Pre-readers and various pages of reading are set each week.	Homework is set using the Pre-readers and various pages of reading are set each week.	Homework is set using the Pre-readers and various pages of reading are set each week.	Homework is set using the Pre-readers and various pages of reading are set each week.	Homework is set using the Pre-readers and various pages of reading are set each week.	Homework is set using the Pre-readers and various pages of reading are set each week.
<b>CIAG</b> coverage/links	Introduce students to the pathway this subject can lead to at university level: -PPE -Philosophy -Theology -History / Archaeology	Philo Sophon held at Copleston High school, where the yr12/13 host a philosophy competition for the yr6 students in our trust primary schools and the opportunity to work with young children	Links to youth ministry work, as the local youth minster comes to talk to the students and religious identity	Links to work of NASA, the Hubble space telescope and James Webb telescope. Looking at the work of Neil deGrasse Tyson and Brain Cox on the origins of the universe	Links to the work of the medical profession and those working in the bioethics industry	Links to the holocaust memorial society and the work they do to educate humanity on the evils of the past