

St Nicholas Catholic High School Curriculum Overview

Name of Department: RE

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to identify how Christians interpret the creation accounts, written in Genesis. They will evaluate the different beliefs on the creation of the world and how Catholics believe we should treat the environment. Students will be able to explain the importance of the Old Testament and what it tells us about God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to identify places of pilgrimage and explain their significance. They will be able to explain the benefits of going on pilgrimage and evaluate if it should be a duty for religious people. Students will be able to recall the hierarchy of the Catholic Church and evaluate the different things Christians use to make moral decisions, including their conscience and the Bible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will explain the importance of the Holy Spirit for Catholics and how this is shown in worship, including sacraments such as Confirmation and Holy Orders. Students will retell the lives of inspirational Christians who have put their faith into action by following key teachings of Jesus in their lives. Students will look at medical ethics and evaluate the different attitudes towards issues such as abortion, euthanasia and IVF.
Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will identify how Jesus treated the marginalised in the Bible, this will include women, the sick, the 'ritually unclean'. Students will be able to explain the importance of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. Students will understand the importance of Jesus' time in the wilderness and explain how this links to how Christian's act in Lent. Students will be able to retell what happened in the last week of Jesus' life and the effect this has on Catholics today. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will explain how Christians respond to modern day issues such as racism and refugees. They will be able to support Christian response with religious teachings and the example of Jesus. Students will be able to retell how God asked Moses to free the Israelites and then the importance of the covenant between God and Moses. Students will be able to explain the celebration of the Jewish festival of Passover. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to explain key Jewish beliefs and Teachings, including their belief on the Messiah and life after death. Students will evaluate the importance of the covenants made between God and Abraham and God and Moses and the effect they have on Jews today. Students will identify the importance of the Jewish practice of Shabbat, how they prepare and perform it. Students will understand the importance of the Shema and Amidah prayer in Judaism.

Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be able to explain the importance of the Last Summer and how this links to Mass for Catholics today. • Students will understand transubstantiation and how the Mass is structured. • Students will understand why there are so many different Churches within Christianity. • Students will identify how the Church of England was established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students will be able to explain the importance of Muhammad within the religion of Islam. ▪ Students will be able to evaluate the importance of the 5 pillars of Islam and how they relate to a Muslim's day-to-day life. ▪ Students will understand how Catholics believe they should treat the world and be able to define stewardship and dominion, ▪ Students will understand some of the messages behind Jesus' famous parables, including the Good Samaritan and Sheep and Goats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students will be able to explain the importance of Jewish rituals, including Brit Milah, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and Jewish weddings. ▪ Students will identify the Jewish mourning rituals and what happens when someone passes away. ▪ Students will be able to identify features found in a Synagogue and explain their purpose and importance, ▪ Students will be able to describe Jewish festivals, their origin and meaning and how they are celebrated by Jews today, this includes the festival of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Passover.
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