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**RE Department**

# **Year 8 High Achievers Booklet**



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## **Welcome to the RE high attainers booklet.**

This booklet has been designed to increase a curiosity of all things religious and to stretch and challenge you, helping you to develop the essential skills needed to master RE.

## **Key Stage 3 Year 7 & 8 pupils**

In this booklet, you will find a termly task to do. There is guidance on what to include in your work, but it is not completely prescribed! You have the freedom to develop your work as you see fit.

We hope that you enjoy the tasks and that they encourage your curiosity of religion.

# Year 8 – Term 1

## Religion: Examining and plotting the spread of religion



**Choose from:**

- Islam
- Christianity
- Judaism
- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Sikhism

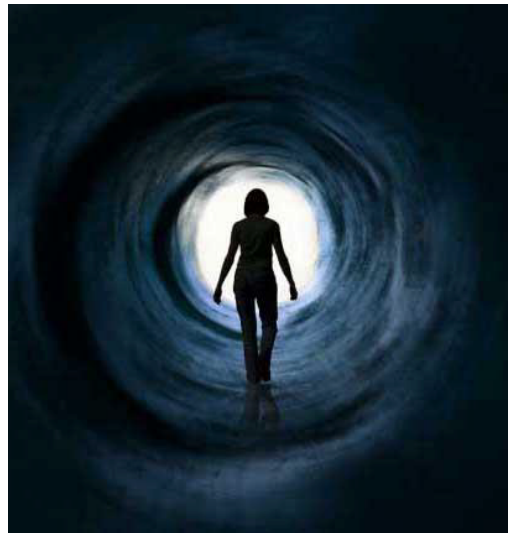
**Task:**

On a map, plot where the religion started and where it spread to.

- Give reasons as to why you think the religion spread to those areas
- Include religious symbols.
- Make your map beautiful as these will be used for display!

## Year 8 – Term 2

### Comparing Religious Experiences from across different religions



Research Religious experiences! (You can focus on visions, mysticism, miracles, speaking in tongues, near death experiences, Sufism, etc.)

#### **Task:**

Create a leaflet about religious experiences – you can focus on one religion or a number of religions.

Suggestions on what to include:

- What is the religious experience?
- What impact does it have?
- Images of it
- A justified opinion – do you think it is real and believable? What are your reasons?

## Year 8 – Term 3

### Religion & freewill



Poster production: Comparing what religions think of freewill

Pick 2 religions and design a poster or a creative way of comparing the religion's beliefs about freewill.

Choose from:

- Christianity
- Judaism
- Islam
- Sikhism
- Hinduism
- Buddhism

Include your own justified opinion – do you think we have freewill or not?

## Year 8 – Term 4

### Examining different ethical theories

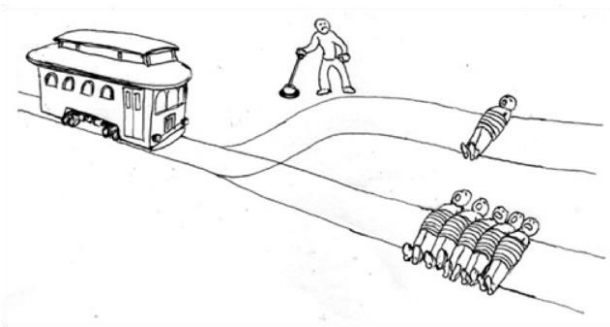


Create a leaflet/blog/vlog on one of the following ethical theories:

- Utilitarianism – Jeremy Bentham
- Situation Ethics

Suggestions on what to include:

- What is the theory about?
- Are there any rules to the theory?
- What is good about the theory? What is bad about the theory?
- Do you think the theory is a good way of making ethical decisions?



### Utilitarianism



## Year 8 – Term 5

### Revision resources!



This is the time where your attention turns to your end of year exams!

Using the revision guides on the website, you should build your own revision resources to help you revise.

Everybody is different when it comes to revision, so there is not really one way to go about revising. Our suggestion as an RE department is that you look at what you need to know for the end of year exams and then start creating flashcards, lists or mind maps with the relevant information on them.

You can then use these to read the information and commit it to memory and you could also ask a friend or family member to test you on what information is on the cards.

Finally, another good revision tip is to look at some past explanation and evaluation questions you have done this year and re-do them perfectly! This will help you to perfect the style and format of writing certain answers.

Good luck and happy revising!

## Year 8 – Term 6

### Free choice



You can decide on your project for this half term.

What would you like to explore about religion? You could research famous people and their religions, you could explore differences between religions, or you could even find out about atheism and humanism.

You decide! In the last week of lessons at school, you will present your findings to the class in any way that you want to – poster, leaflet, presentation, blog, vlog...anyway you want!

Good luck!