Ravens Wood School

KS3 Curriculum Plan



Subject: Module 2

Overarching Topic:				
Why is this topic being studied at this time? How does it fit into the wider subject curriculum?	What is Religion?: The aim of this scheme of work is explore the way in which religion develops into the modern forms which we are presented with in our current zeitgeist. Religious are dissected and analysed in their components: beliefs, actions and identity. Furthermore it introduces students to the concepts of families of religion which are the dominant forms of Abrahamic and Dharmic. These concepts of families of religions, theories and concepts are corner stones which are built upon throughout PRE, through key stages 3-5.			
	Joining up: Understanding the make-up of religion as a whole is a systemic approach which lends itself well across the school's curriculum. In History students will learn of life in Medieval England, a nation which is defined by its religious persuasion; in English when considering the classic novel <i>Christmas Carol</i> , students learn to build up an understanding of the ingredients of a superb, plot and character. This skill of comprehending the genesis of concepts and the components of those concepts is mirrored across the extended writing subjects.			
	Critical	Core	Pinnacle	
The Big Questions (What questions will students be able to answer upon mastery of the topic?)	CE, BCE, Ancient religion, Classical religion, Dharmic religion and Abrahamic religion What are <i>ideas</i> and <i>beliefs</i> and how have they developed? What are the <i>ingredients</i> of religion?	How did religion begin? What was the first religion? What did ancient religions believe? How did Dharmic religion begin? How did Abrahamic religion begin? What are the features of religion? Are ancient and modern religions similar?	Frazer 'Golden Bough'; Reuther 'Beyond God the Father' Are ideologies and characteristics inherited? What is the impact of ancient ideas on modern thought? Can new religions be created and applied to modern society?	

The Key		
Skills/		
Techniques		

The sophistication and application of skills will become more advanced as students' progress through the critical, core and pinnacle knowledge.

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Skill/Technique	How will this skill be developed?		
Knowledge and understanding	Powerful knowledge will be developed through the imbedding of key facts and ideas		
Impact and Influence	Applying key ideas to real life and hypothetic examples		
Source of Authority	Recall, analyse and apply key sources of authority and wisdom		
Specialist Language	Define and use in context specialist, academic vocabulary		
Judgement/Evaluation	Consider the strengths and weaknesses of key concepts and ideas in order to determine their value		
Opinion/Other Views	Consider and empathise with contrasting beliefs and ideas		