

Curriculum Intent: Religious studies at Bloxwich Academy provides pupils with an opportunity to explore a range of religious practice, belief and worldviews. Pupils will learn about and apply the disciplines of philosophy, theology and social science. Our curriculum is based on 5 key principles: People matter (exploring humanity), Ultimate questions, Local and wider society, Spirituality and reflection and Encouraging enquiry.

Curriculum Rationale: Pupils will learn the knowledge they need to become philosophers of the future, thinking critically about the world around them and striving to understand and be respectful to the views of others, enabling them to contribute fully to society.

What makes the Bloxwich experience unique: Our curriculum takes a thematic approach to the study of religion and worldviews. We will look at the positives and negatives of religion and worldviews and consider how beliefs and values can affect the lives of people regardless of their worldview.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
7	What is a worldview?	What are the Abrahamic faiths?	What are the Abrahamic faiths?	What are the Dharmic faiths?	What are the Dharmic faiths?	What is Humanism and atheism?
8	Where do we come from, where are we going?	Where do we come from, where are we going?	Why is evil a problem?	Is it ever right to take life?	How can religion be problematic?	How can religion be problematic?
9	How should criminals be treated?	How much authority do the scriptures hold?	How is art important in religion?	The Shoah – how did Jewish people keep their faith?	What is happiness?	What is happiness?
10	What do Christians believe	What is a family and how do they work?	What is a family and how do they work?	What do Buddhists believe?	Is war ever acceptable?	Is war ever acceptable?
11	How should criminals be treated?	Who decides when life ends?	How do Christians live?	How do Buddhists live?	Revision	