RPE Y8 Curriculum Plan

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Unit Title	What does Buddhism teach about life?	What are religious views on world issues?	What are the key beliefs and practices of Islam?	What is the relationship between religion, arts and the media?	How is symbolism used in Hinduism?	Introduction to Western Philosophy (name TBC)
Lessons	 □ What is the key idea to understand? □ Who is Buddha? □ How do Buddhists live a good life? □ What are Buddhist beliefs about life after death? □ What is life like for a Buddhist monk? □ How do Buddhists worship? □ What did Buddha teach about suffering? 	 □ What is a world issue? □ What are prejudice and discrimination? □ How should people respond to racism? □ Is religion sexist? □ What does it mean to live in poverty? □ Why should religious people help the poor? 	 □ What do Muslims believe about God? □ Who is Muhammed and why is he special to Muslims? □ How do Muslims live a good life? □ How and why do Muslims pray? □ What is Ramadan? □ What do Muslims believe about the afterlife? 	 □ Is media a good thing? □ How is religion presented on TV? □ How is religion portrayed in The Simpsons? □ How do religions use the internet? □ What is virtual religion? □ How is religion used in contemporary music? □ How is religion portrayed in art? 	 □ What do Hindus believe about God? □ What do Hindus believe about life after death? □ How does someone be a good Hindu? □ How do Hindus use epic stories to teach? □ What is divali and how is it celebrated? □ How do Hindus use sight, smells and sounds in worship? 	
Assessment	Assessment TP1: 3, 4, 6 mark questions -Key terms and teachings recall quizzes.	Key terms and teachings recall quizzes.	Assessment TP2: 3, 4, 6 mark questions	Key terms and teachings recall quizzes.	Key terms and teachings recall quizzes.	Assessment : EOY Exam
Links to Y7 and Y9	-Using skills and concepts from The Island unit on what makes a religionComparisons to Christianity from Y7 study and skillsUsing more critical skills from What does it mean to believe unitPreparation for use of Buddhism in Y9 ethics unitIdeas and concepts here will be useful in later study of Hinduism as another eastern religion.	-Uses skills from introduction to ethics in Y7 on a more focused studyUses learning from Christianity unit in focus on Christian beliefsUses critical analysis skills from Y7 unitsPreparation for further and more in-depth ethical study on issues of life and death in Y9Introduction to application of specific religious beliefs to ethical issues.	-Builds on study of religions of the book (Abrahamic faiths) in Christianity and Judaism study in Y7Builds on ideas introduced in A-Z of Religion, specifically on Muslim dress and ideas of creation and extremismPreparation for further and more in-depth ethical study on issues of life and death in Y9Developing understanding of religious beliefs and practices and their impact on people's lives for more focused study in Y9.	-Builds on ideas picked up on in A-Z of religion unit in Y7 where media plays a roleLinks back to sources used in study of Christianity and in P4CLinks to questions asked about the role of media in P4C unit in Y7. -Development of skills in looking at the place of religion in the modern world and how it is or isn't changing. This is a key concept in all Y9 units of study.	-Draws on work on symbolism from belief unit in Y7 and study of stories in Christianity and other unitsLinks to Buddhism unit from the start of Y8. -Preparation for use of religious texts and stories (interpretation) which is a key skill in Y9 unitsContinued development of ideas about what makes a religion; drawing on comparisons and critically analysing.	-Links to areas of discussion in P4C unit in Y7 and applies the key ideas within religions studied as part of the A-Z of religion in more detail. -This unit will be an important basis for more specific philosophical studies in Y9 around questions about God's existence, science and religion and moralityThe unit will build on and further explore key skills in the study of philosophy.