**St Nicholas Catholic High School Curriculum Overview**

**Name of Department: RE**

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|  | **Year 7** | **Year 8** | **Year 9** |
| Autumn | * 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. | * Students will begin by looking at the story of the Fall and the consequence for Catholics today. * This leads into the importance of rules in society and whether God’s rules are still relevant today. * Students will then focus on some important Prophets and Prophetic texts from the Bible, including Amos and John the Baptist. | * Students will look at the concept of vocation and how people can be called by God to fulfil a special task. * 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 as well as the Nicene Creed. * 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 then focus on Mary and her role in Salvation history. |
| Spring | * Students explore the context of the different titles of Jesus. * Student will explore the mystery of the Trinity and how this links to a relationship with God. * Students will be able to explain the importance of the Paschal Mystery and how this links to salvation. * Pupils will be able to explain the importance of the Eucharist and understand how this links to the Paschal Mystery. | * Students will then focus on the life and ministry of Jesus and how he treated the marginalised in society. * This leads on to how the marginalised are treated today, including refugees. * Students will then look at the meaning of suffering and why God allows humans to suffer. * This links to the sacrament of reconciliation and it’s importance for Catholics today. | * Students will explore the Creation Stories and what is special about being human. * They will be able to explain the Church’s and secular views on issues of the Sanctity of Life. * This will then lead to the topic of War and Peace where students look at the issue of a Just War as well as capital punishment. * This culminates into the Sacrament of Reconciliation. |
| Summer | * Pupils will explore the Apostle Luke and his teachings about the Holy Spirit. * Pupils will be able to recall the events of Pentecost and will explore how this occasion is celebrated in Churches throughout the world. * Pupils will explore the sacrament of Confirmation and how this links to the Holy Spirit. * Students will explore the beliefs and traditions of the Hindu faith. | * Students will begin by looking at the importance of the empty tomb and the significance of the resurrection for Catholics. * They will then study Catholic beliefs on Life after Death and the funeral rite for Catholics and around the world. * Finally, students will study the world religion of Islam and they 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 explore another faith Judaism and the persons of Abraham and Moses as well as the lasting impact of the covenants. * Students will begin to look at the diverse groups within Judaism as well as the teachings of the Mitzvot and the Halakkah and the impact of these on Jewish people today. * Students will identify the importance of the Jewish practice of Shabbat and how they prepare and perform it. * Students will also be given the opportunity to learn about Jewish festivals and consider the importance of keeping to traditions. * Finally, students will reflect on Catholicism and the important concepts within it; Creation and the idea of stewardship, The incarnation and the importance of the Paschal Mystery. * Students will complete the year with the teachings of the Greatest Commandment. |