

Year 8	Religious Education		
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SMSC	This scheme is based on the New Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales Curriculum Directory.		
Units:	Creation and Covenant	Prophecy to Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem
Content:	What is the story of the Fall? What is the meaning of the Fall? What is sin? Why are God's commands so important? Why have rules in the first place? What is conscience? What is the Sacrament of Baptism? Who should be baptised? What does love of neighbour mean today? Artistic Expression Option: How do artists depict Moses?	What is a prophetic text? How does Jeremiah fulfil the prophetic pattern? Why do prophecies contain calls to repentance? How do prophecies call for care of the poor? Why do prophecies criticise external religion? Why do prophecies make warnings and promises? Why do prophecies talk about a faithful few? Why is John the Baptist important? How are lay people called to be witnesses of Christ? How is Advent connected to prophecy?	How should we read scripture? What is the Kingdom of God? Who did Jesus encounter in his ministry? How did Jesus treat marginalised people? How did Jesus reach out to gentiles and women? What are parables? What did Jesus' parables teach about eschatology? What were the miracles of Jesus? What did Jesus' miracles over sickness reveal? How does Jesus' ministry call us to enter the Kingdom? What is the Anointing of the Sick?
Delivery:	Autumn A	Autumn B	Spring A
Units:	Desert to Garden	To the ends of the Earth	Dialogue and Encounter
Content:	Why do we suffer? Is there a meaning to suffering? Why is Jesus called the suffering servant? Why did God allow Jesus to suffer? How do Christians prepare during Lent? What is the Easter Triduum? What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Why is the Sacrament of Reconciliation important? Ethical Option: Why does God allow suffering? Artistic Expression Option:	What does the Bible say about the Resurrection? What is the significance of the empty tomb? How did the disciples react to the Resurrection? What is the central truth of Christian faith? Do humans have a soul? What happens at the end of human life? Why is baptism necessary? What are Catholic funeral rites?	Why was the Second Vatican Council important? Why is Ecclesiam Suam important? Is there more than one Catholic Church? What is the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church?

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Delivery	Spring B	Summer A	Summer B
Learning:	Students learn through a variety of activities including debates, discussions and research tasks.		
Support	Students with SEN needs are provided with writing frames and appropriate support.		
Challenge (Most Able):	Most able students will be introduced to the skills of essay writing and effective use of references.		
Work Related Learning:			
Equipment:	Exercise books, Bibles, Chromebooks, and use of Google classroom		

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Extra-Curricular:	Pray as you Go Club - Meditation		