



Autumn Learning Journey Philosophy Year 9

What will you be learning about?	How does this link to the wider curriculum?
In this unit, we will investigate the history, core teachings, and daily practices of Islam, building directly on the skills you developed studying other religions in Years 7 and 8. We will look at how a Muslim's relationship with God influences their actions, focusing on the concepts of community and unity. We will explore the foundations of the faith, including the life of the Prophet Muhammad and the discipline of the Five Pillars, such as prayer, fasting, and pilgrimage. We will look at how faith works in action by exploring charity, unpacking the true meaning of Jihad, and looking at the real-life experiences of British Muslims today.	History: When you look at the origins of Islam and the life of Prophet Muhammad, you are studying a major turning point in world history. This sets up a brilliant foundation for studying medieval history, the Crusades, and the development of trade routes between Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Geography: Your lessons on the Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca) and how Islam is practiced globally. Understanding where the global Muslim population lives and how British Muslim communities have shaped cities in the UK—helps you map out how diverse our world is. English: When you explore the importance of the Qur'an and you are using high-level literacy skills. Writing structured arguments about religious ethics helps you master the persuasive writing techniques needed for your GCSEs.

We will develop our learning each week by focusing on:

Half Term 1		Half Term 2	
<u>Lesson 1: What is Islam?</u>	RAG	<u>Lesson 7: Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?</u>	RAG
<u>Lesson 2: Why is the Quran important to Muslims?</u>		<u>Lesson 8: What is the Hajj and why is it significant?</u>	
<u>Lesson 3: What do Muslims believe?</u>		<u>Lesson 9: What is Zakat and how does it impact Muslim life?</u>	
<u>Lesson 4: What are the five pillars?</u> Extended Writing Task		<u>Lesson 10: Revision for End of Unit Examination</u>	
<u>Lesson 5: How do Muslims pray and why does it matter?</u>		<u>Lesson 11: End of Unit Exam</u>	
<u>Lesson 6: Interim Assessment</u>		<u>Lesson 12: Closing the Gap</u>	
		<u>Lesson 13: What is it like to be a Muslim living in Britain today?</u>	

Key vocabulary

Quran	Muhummad	Prophets	Salah	Mosque	Sawm
Mecca	Zakat	Jihad	Hajj	Sunni/ Shi'a Muslims	Shahadah

How will this help you in the future?

This unit builds the cultural awareness, critical thinking, and respectful debating skills you need to confidently voice your own ideas and collaborate with people from all backgrounds in our diverse modern society.