

## YR8 Religious Education assessments.

Year 8 pupils will receive an assessment during most half terms. The majority are formative assessments, such assessments are used to inform pupils how to develop skills further. Some are summative assessments. Please note working at levels are not shared with pupils however records are kept by the teacher.

The assessments are always constructed in a similar way. Pupils are asked to outline, discuss and compare a range of responses to a statement. This statement will always relate to the topic/faith they have been looking at. Examples may include “God does not exist”, “We should learn about others” and “You should always share with others”.

Each assessment has two questions from which the pupils choose one to answer and respond to.

The length and subject matter of each assessment does change however most assessments last for 40 minutes. It is the development of key skills that we primarily look for, these skills must be applied using knowledge of both the key question and different religious and cultural views including (but not limited to) any views studied in the topic the assessment corresponds to.

Examples of the key skills we commonly look for are; The ability to express ideas in writing. Knowledge of faith(s). Recall of key terms and quotes. Construction of paragraphs and use of examples and evidence. Comparing views and beliefs. Justification of arguments. Evaluation of arguments and Critical thinking.

Assessment Point	Topic title	Key area/Faith(s) studied.
Half term 1	Sikh beliefs and worship.	Here we look at key Sikh beliefs. Including the Gurus and the Gurdwara.  Key faiths/world view; Sikhism.
Half term 2	Christian denominations and teachings	Learning about similarities and differences in Christian belief and living the Christian life.  Key faiths/world view; Christianity.
Half term 3	Technology and The Environment	Looking at moral and ethical issues surrounding modern technology and the environment. Including Pollution, and Genetic Engineering.  Key faiths/world view; Christianity, Humanism.
Half term 4	Buddhism beliefs and worship.	Looking at key Buddhist beliefs. Including the life of the Buddha and the role of meditation.
Half term 5		Key faiths/world view; Buddhism
Half term 6	Religion and Art	Examining (religious) symbolism and use of art.  Key faiths/world view; All 6 major world Faiths. Humanism