

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUPER CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

WEBSITES:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/> - Lots of information on different religious traditions.
- <https://www.learnreligions.com/> - Lots of information on different religious traditions.
- <https://www.worldreligiondatabase.org/> -The *World Religion Database (WRD)* contains detailed statistics on religious affiliation for every country of the world.
- <https://request.org.uk/> - A bank of source material for teaching Christianity to students aged 4 - 16. Includes stories, interviews with Christians and interactive games.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt> - Short clips on a range of religions and topics for KS3.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhwy7nb> - Short clips on a range of religions and topics for KS4.
- <https://www.truetube.co.uk/> - Films and written resources on a range of religions for upper primary and secondary students.

BOOKS:

- Hindu Tales From the Sanskrit - Mythological Stories for Children & Adults (Adapted by Arthur Bell) ISBN 978-1604501674
- 108 Buddhist Parables and Stories (Sacred Wisdom Stories) by Olga Gutsol ISBN 978-1090439963
- The Diary of Anne Frank (Abridged for Young Readers) by Anne Frank ISBN 978-0141345352
- 'Night', 'Dawn' and 'Day' - three books by Elie Wiesel for Year 10/11 readers, which can also be bought as a trilogy in one book. The autobiographical account of an adolescent boy and his father in Auschwitz, followed by his experiences after the Holocaust. ISBN 978-0809073641
- Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder ISBN 978-1474602280
- When 14-year-old Sophie encounters a mysterious mentor who introduces her to philosophy, mysteries deepen in her own life. Why does she keep getting postcards addressed to another girl? Who is the other girl? And who, for that matter, is Sophie herself? To solve the riddle, she uses her new knowledge of philosophy, but the truth is far stranger than she could have imagined.
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis ISBN 978-0007323128
- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* is an allegory. C.S. Lewis presents a Christian world view through a mythical tale.

SPECIALIST MAGAZINES/ARTICLES/JOURNALS:

- The Church Times - Keep up-to-date with professional reporting of national and international news, lively debate on religious and secular affairs and a wide range

of in-depth features. Each week you can look forward to the best writing on faith, politics, education, the environment and culture, plus regular cartoons.

- The Tablet - The Tablet provides a British Catholic weekly newspaper on current affairs, politics, religion, social issues, literature and the arts.
- Reform - Reform is a fresh and challenging magazine exploring theology, ethics, personal spirituality and Christian perspectives on social and current affairs.
- Common Ground - The flagship interfaith magazine of the Council of Christians and Jews. It is produced once a year and features articles by several prominent figures in the Jewish and Christian communities. Copies of *Common Ground* available for you to read online or download. <https://ccj.org.uk/resources/common-ground>

PODCASTS:

- BBC Radio 4 - 'Beyond Belief' (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006s6p6/episodes/downloads>)
- The RE Podcast - The first dedicated RE Podcast for students and teachers. <https://www.therepodcast.co.uk/>

FILMS AND DOCUMENTARIES:

- BBC Simon Reeve: Pilgrimage series (check iPlayer and available on DVD - various countries, religions and cultures)
- BBC Simon Scharma: The Story of the Jews series (check iPlayer and available on DVD)
- BBC Diarmaid MacCulloch: The History of Christianity (check iPlayer and available on DVD - examines the formation of different denominations of the Christian Church throughout history)
- BBC 'Pilgrimage' - 3-episode series where a group of celebrities from different faith backgrounds take a pilgrimage journey together. (check iPlayer)
- Netflix 'The Bible' (also available on DVD - series following the Bible from Creation to Pentecost and the founding of Christianity)
- 'Exodus: Gods & Kings' (DVD - Film exploring the story of Moses and the Exodus)
- Seven Years in Tibet (DVD - Film exploring Buddhism in Tibet during WWII)
- 'Creation' (DVD - Film exploring Charles Darwin's challenge to the idea of God 'designing' the universe)
- 'The Life of Pi' (DVD - Film based on a Canadian philosophical novel by Yann Martel published in 2001. The protagonist is "Pi" Patel, an Indian boy from Pondicherry, India, who explores issues of spirituality and metaphysics from an early age.
- 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' (various film and TV adaptations available).

VIDEO CHANNELS:

KS3- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks3-religious-studies/z72qf4j>

KS4- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/gcse-national-5-religious-studies/zhptrj6>

MOOCs: Courses on <https://www.mooc.org/>

- Judaism Through Its Scriptures
- Christianity Through Its Scriptures
- Islam Through Its Scriptures
- Hinduism Through Its Scriptures
- Buddhism Through Its Scriptures
- Sikhism Through Its Scriptures
- Understanding Religious Symbolism
- Ethics in Action

ONLINE SEMINARS/LECTURES: TED Talks from www.ted.com

- Playlist - Faith in the Modern World (9 talks)
https://www.ted.com/playlists/519/faith_in_the_modern_world
- Playlist - Are you there, God? (11 talks)
https://www.ted.com/playlists/14/are_you_there_god
- Playlist - Misconceptions of Islam and Muslim Life (10 talks)
https://www.ted.com/playlists/488/misconceptions_of_islam_and_mu

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

Following religious studies-related social media accounts can benefit students by expanding their knowledge, fostering cultural understanding, and encouraging critical thinking. However, risks include encountering misinformation and the spread of biased or extremist views can be prevalent on these platforms. Students need to be cautious and discerning in evaluating the credibility of the information they encounter. They should rely on reputable sources and consult teachers or trusted adults when in doubt. Students should also note that social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, TikTok, and YouTube, typically enforce a minimum age restriction of 13 years old.

Places to Visit:

- Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
- Liverpool Roman Catholic Cathedral of Christ the King
- Cathedrals in any other UK city
- Princes Road Synagogue, Liverpool (Open to the public on the Heritage Open Days in September)
- Walsingham, Norfolk
- Holy Island, Lindisfarne, Northumberland
- Visits to Mosques/Temples etc when on holiday in other countries

LOCAL CLUBS OR SOCIETIES:

Youth organisations at your local church.

CHALLENGES AND COMPETITIONS:

- RE Online Competition for Young People - Annual competition for young people with a different theme every year. Details can be found at <https://www.reonline.org.uk/competition>
- NATRE Spirited Arts Competiton - Join hundreds of schools from around the world taking part in this year's Spirited Arts competition! We welcome entries in (almost!) any art form your pupils can think of, including:
 - Art (painting, drawing, sketching, etc)
 - Poetry
 - Photography
 - Dance
 - Music
 - Drama
 - Sculpture

The annual competition starts at the beginning of every school year and runs through the spring and summer terms. Details can be found at <https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts>

- University of Cambridge, Faculty of Divinity RE:View Film Competition - Annual competition open to UK students in Years 9-13. Details can be found at <https://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/study-here/open-days/filmcomp>