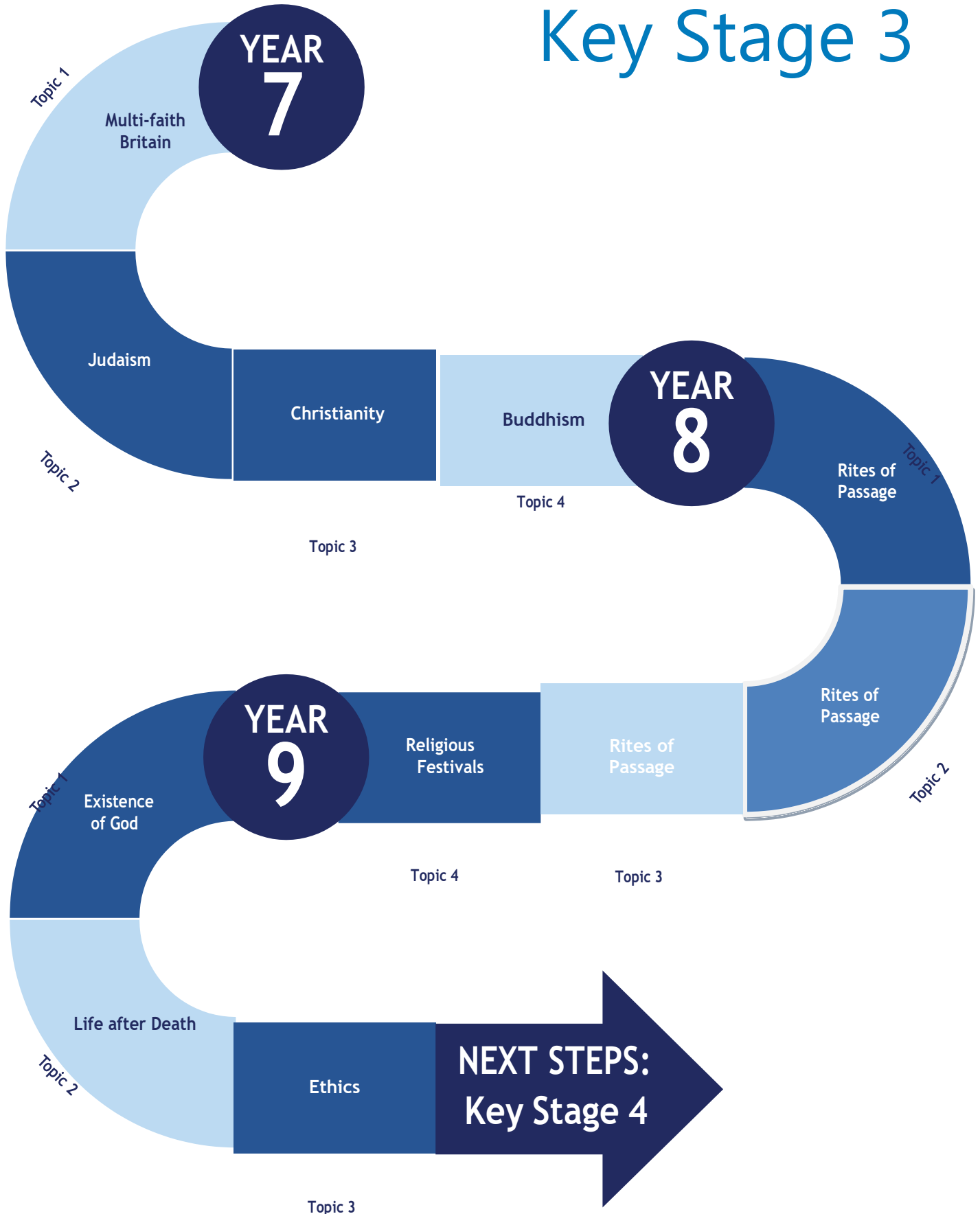




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Key Stage 3 – Year 7

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| UNIT | | KEY THEMES | |
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| Topic 1 Multi-faith Britain | This first unit introduces students to the study of Religion, considering the nature of multi-faith Britain and the need for acceptance of Religious Diversity. Students will learn basic knowledge of the main 6 religions and be introduced to Religious Language and symbolism, also Founders and Origins. | | |
| TOPIC 2 Judaism | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What do Jews believe?2. What are Jewish scriptures?3. Orthodox and Reform Judaism4. The Temple and Synagogues5. What is Shabbat6. What is Pesach and Yom Kippur?7. How have Jews been persecuted?8. Anti-Semitism in Nazi Germany9. The Holocaust10. Holocaust Memorial. | | |
| Mid-Year Assessment | | | |
| TOPIC 2 Christianity | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The nativity2. Jesus' ministry and the Sermon on the Mount3. Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection4. The Nicene Creed5. Augustine and Original Sin6. Christianity today | | |
| TOPIC 3 Buddhism | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Religion in India2. The Buddha3. The Three Marks of Existence4. Karma and the Cycle of Re-Birth5. The Four Noble Truths6. Puja and meditation7. Buddhist ethics | | |
| End of Year Assessment: Judaism & Christianity | | | |

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Key Stage 3 – Year 8

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| | TOPIC 1 Rites of Passage | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Journey of Life 2. Birth 3. Infant Baptism in Christianity 4. Aqiqah in Islam 5. Naam Karan 6. Coming of Age |
| | Mid-Year Assessment | |
| | TOPIC 2 Rites of Passage | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Bat Chayil in Judaism 2. Upanayana in Hinduism 3. First Communion and Confirmation 4. Marriage in the UK Today 5. The Sacrament of Marriage in the UK 6. Nikah in Islam 7. Marriage in Judaism 8. Marriage in Hinduism 9. End of Life rituals 10. Christian Funerals 11. Islamic burials 12. Jewish Death Rituals 13. Hindu Cremation 14. Humanist end of life ritual. |
| | TOPIC 3 Festivals | To align with the end of year celebration of students' successes throughout the year, we spend the last two RS lessons of the term recognising the times of celebration for Hindus: Holi (the festival of colour), and Raksha Bandhan (the festival of friendship/brotherhood). |
| | End of Year Assessment: (Prior to Topic 3) Rites of Passage | |

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Key Stage 3 – Year 9

| UNIT | | KEY THEMES OF EACH LESSON |
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| 9 | <p>TOPIC 1</p> <p>Existence of God</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is Religion Important? 2. Does God Exist? 3. The Nature of God 4. The Cosmological Argument 5. The Teleological Argument 6. The Design Argument & Evolution 7. The Argument from Miracles 8. The Argument from Morality 9. The Problem of evil & suffering |
| | Mid-Year Assessment | |
| | <p>TOPIC 2</p> <p>Ultimate Questions: Life After Death</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Life after death: Early beliefs 2. Christian beliefs in Life after Death 3. Akhirah in Islam 4. Samsara in Hinduism 5. Anicca and Rebirth in Buddhism 6. Non-religious belief in life after death |
| | Mid-Year Assessment | |
| | <p>TOPIC 3</p> <p>Ethics</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment feedback and Introduction to Ethics 2. Embryo Research & Genetic Engineering 3. Assisted Reproduction & Surrogacy 4. Cloning, Human Experimentation and Conjoined Twins 5. Organ Donation and Transplant Surgery |
| End of Year Assessment | | |