

Curriculum Intent for KS3 EPR

The EPR curriculum is designed to build upon and develop students' substantive, disciplinary, and personal knowledge, ultimately fostering an excellent level of **religious literacy**. This foundation will ensure students are well-prepared for further study or the workplace.

Through the exploration of a range of **worldviews**, as outlined in the updated LAS *Believing and Belonging* framework, students will cultivate a broad, balanced, and nuanced understanding of global, national, and local religious and non-religious **beliefs and practices**.

The comprehensive EPR curriculum, combined with the school's core values and the ARCH program, will ensure that students achieve a level of comprehension that **exceeds cumulative sufficiency**, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to engage meaningfully with the **diverse perspectives** found in our multicultural, multi-faith society.

EPR Key Concepts and Lenses

EPR includes three disciplinary lenses. As students progress through the curriculum they will develop as religious scholars, ethicists, and philosophers.

Additionally, key concepts or **golden threads build sequentially** through the curriculum over time. These are based on the 6 Big Ideas found in the Locally Agreed Syllabus (Believing and Belonging 2024). While each unit will have a main thread, there will be multiple threads to be developed in each lesson. They are:

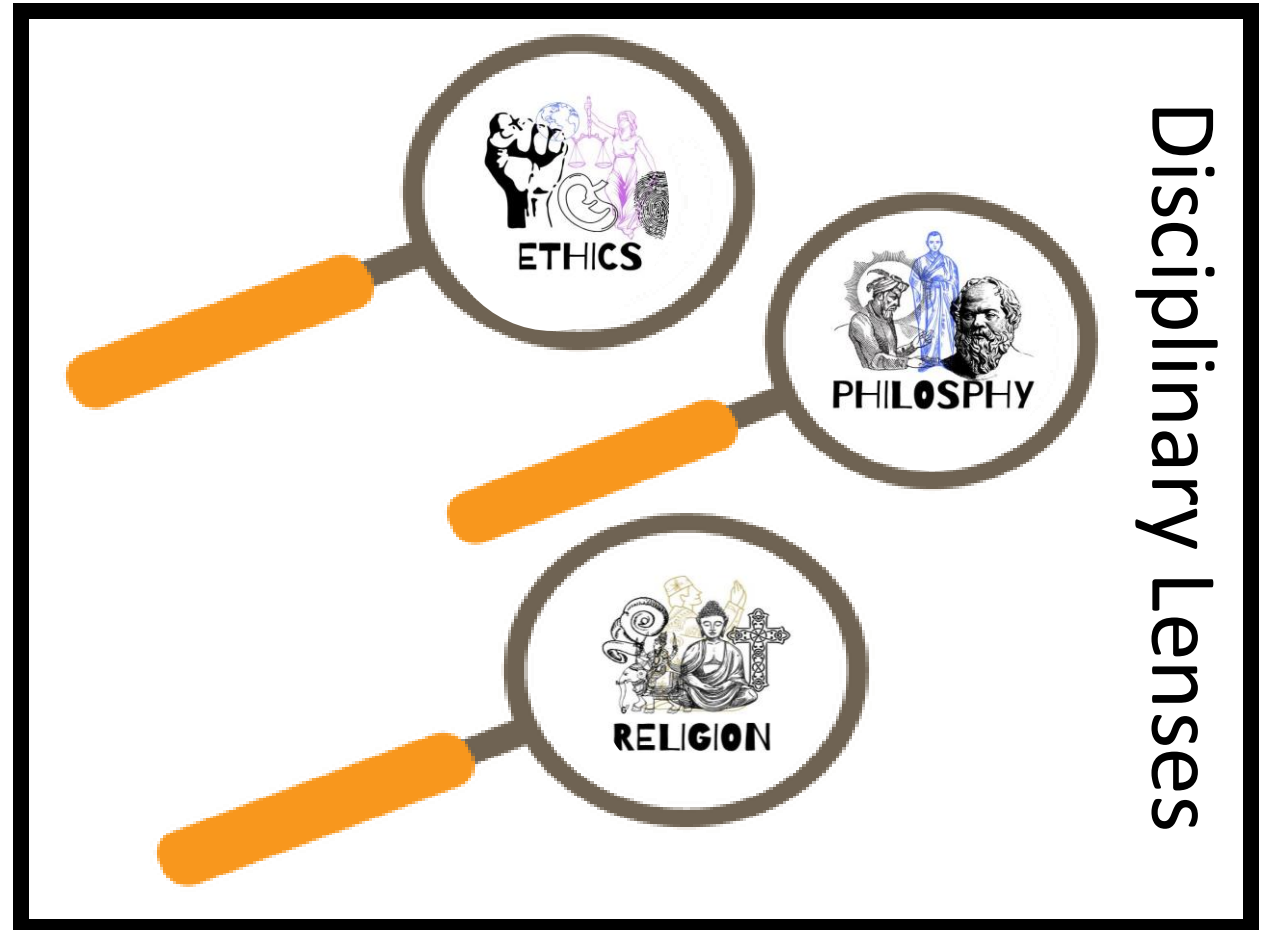
The Nature of God and the Divine: This thread considers what God might be like if God exists, if God is fair, and how we might live without God. For example, Hindu ideas, Muslim ideas, stories from the Old Testament, and classical arguments for God's existence.

Afterlife: This thread considers the possibility and nature of an afterlife/afterlife. It considers the existence of a soul, reincarnation, rebirth and resurrection. It also includes how people will act due to their belief in an afterlife. For example, rebirth in Buddhism and the Hindu goal of Moksha.

Practice and Ritual: This thread considers how believers in religious and non-religious worldviews express belief. It includes worship (puja), pilgrimage, devotion, serving others, holy places, and texts. For example, liturgical worship in Christianity, Hajj, meditation, and living by precepts.

Living a Good Life: This thread focuses on applied ethics. It includes how people might put their beliefs into action on key issues. For example, eating meat, animals for entertainment, execution, warfare, and forgiveness.

EPR Key Concepts and Lenses



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EPR KS3 Unit Overview (lenses and concepts)

Year 7

Existence of God

Thread 1:
Nature of God
and the divine



Hinduism (Hindu Dharma)

Thread 1:
Nature of God
and the divine

Thread 2:
Afterlife

Thread 3:
Practice and
Ritual



Animal Rights

Thread 4:
Living a Good
Life



Islam

Thread 3:
Practice and
Ritual

Thread 1:
Nature of God
and the divine



EPR KS3 Unit Overview (lenses and concepts)

Year 8	Mind, Body, Soul, Afterlife	Old Testament (The God of Classical Theism)	Judaism	Human Rights, Religion, Peace, and Conflict
	Thread 2: Afterlife	Thread 1: Nature of God and the divine	Thread 3: Practice and Ritual	Thread 4: Living a Good Life
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EPR KS3 Unit Overview (lenses and concepts)

Year 9

Buddhism

Thread 2: Afterlife

Thread 4: Living a
Good Life

Thread 4: Living a
Good Life



Crime and Punishment

Thread 4: Living a
Good Life



Christianity

Thread 1: Nature of
God and the divine

Thread 3: Practice
and Ritual

Thread 4: Living a
Good Life



Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Year 7	Content	Intro to Y7 EPR- short week	EOG: The Nature of God	EOG: Problem of Evil	EOG: Design	EOG: Causation	EOG: Revision Lesson
	Assessment			Diagnostic mark of books: Misconceptions/ PROUD Expectations			
	Home Learning					Carousel HW Quiz	Carousel: K/O recall quiz/ use of revision resources from class.

Year 8	Content	MBSA: Paranormal Evidence	MBSA: Child Reincarnation 1	MBSA: Child Reincarnation 2	MBSA: OBEs	Revision Lesson	MBSA: Mid Unit Assessment
	Assessment			Diagnostic mark of books: Misconceptions/ PROUD Expectations			12 Mark assessment: 'Life after death is not possible.'
	Home Learning			Carousel HW Quiz		Carousel: K/O recall quiz/ use of revision resources from class.	Carousel HW Quiz

Year 9	Content	Buddhist Belief: Life of Buddha	Buddhist Belief: 3 Marks of Existence (Dukkha & Anicca)	Buddhist Belief: 3 Marks of Existence (Anatta)	Buddhist Belief: The Wheel of Dependent Origination	Buddhist Belief: 4 Noble Truths & 8 Fold Path	Buddhist Belief: The 4 Noble Truths and the Wheel.
	Assessment				Diagnostic mark of books: Misconceptions/ PROUD Expectations		
	Home Learning				Carousel: K/O recall quiz		

Half Term

Week	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Year 7	Content	EOG: Mid Unit Assessment	EOG: Miracles & Feedback	EOG: Special Revelation	EOG: General Revelation	R EOG: End of Unit assessment	Hinduism: Introduction & Feedback
	Assessment	12 Mark assessment: 'God is not real.'				1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics.	
	Home Learning		Carousel: K/O recall quiz		Carousel: K/O recall quiz/ use of revision resources from class.	Carousel HW Quiz	

Year 8	Content	MBSA: Christian view on the afterlife & Feedback	SMBSA: Scientific views on the afterlife.	Philosophical views on the afterlife.	Revision	MBSA: End of Unit Assessment.	Old Testament: Creation and the Fall & Feedback
	Assessment		Diagnostic mark of books: Misconceptions/ PROUD Expectations			1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics	
	Home Learning			Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz

Year 9	Content	Revision	Buddhist Belief: Mid Unit Assessment	Buddhist Belief: Theravada & Feedback	Buddhist Belief: Mahayana	Buddhist Belief: Revision Lesson	Buddhist Belief: End of Unit Assessment
	Assessment		1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics.				12 Mark question: 'It is impossible to achieve Nirvana'
	Home Learning	Carousel HW Quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz		

Christmas

Week	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Year 7	Content	Hinduism: The Nature of God	Hinduism: Karma and Reincarnation.	Hinduism: How Hindus Worship-Puja	Revision	Hinduism: How Hindus Worship-Mandir	Hinduism: Daily life and Dharma (Gita) (Coming 2023-4)
	Assessment	Diagnostic mark of books: Misconceptions/ PROUD Expectations					Diagnostic mark of books: Misconceptions/ PROUD Expectations
	Home Learning		Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz	
Year 8	Content	Old Testament: Creation and the Fall 2	Old Testament: The Deluge	Old Testament: Abraham	Old Testament Moses 1	Old Testament Moses 2	Old Testament: Moses 3
	Assessment				Diagnostic mark of books: Misconceptions/ PROUD Expectations		
	Home Learning			Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel HW Quiz
Year 9	Content	Crime and Punishment: Introduction & Feedback	Crime and Punishment: aims of Punishment (RRPD)	Crime and Punishment: Reasons for Crime	Crime and Punishment: Religious views towards the treatment of criminals (Including corporal)	Revision	Crime and Punishment: Mid Unit Assessment
	Assessment		Diagnostic mark of books: Misconceptions/ PROUD Expectations				1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics
	Home Learning	Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz		

Half Term

Week	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Year 7	Content	Hinduism: Diwali	Revision	Hinduism: Pilgrimage	Hinduism: End of Unit assessment	Animal Rights: Intro & Feedback	Animal Rights: Blackfish 1
	Assessment				1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics.		
	Home Learning		Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz	
Year 8	Content	Old Testament: God as Just/Job	Revision	Old Testament: EOU	Judaism: The Basics of Judaism & Feedback	Judaism: A brief History	Judaism: The synagogue
	Assessment			12 Marker: 'God is not the God of Classical Theism'			
	Home Learning			Carousel HW Quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz
Year 9	Content	Crime and Punishment: 24 Hours on Death Row & Feedback	Crime and Punishment: Capital Punishment	Crime and Punishment: Unjust Laws	Crime and Punishment: Forgiveness	Revision	Crime and Punishment: EOU
	Assessment						12 Marker: The death penalty should never return'
	Home Learning	Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz		

Easter

Week	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Year 7	Content	Animal Rights: Blackfish 2	Animal Rights: Animals for entertainment.	Revision	Animal Rights: MUA	Animal Rights: Animal Testing & Feedback	Animal Rights: Eating Meat
	Assessment				12 Marker: 'We can use animals however we want'		
	Home Learning		Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel HW Quiz	

Year 8	Content	Judaism: Holy Books	Judaism: daily Life	Revision	Judaism: MUA	Judaism: shabbat & Feedback	Judaism: Passover
	Assessment				1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics.		
	Home Learning			Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel HW Quiz

Year 9	Content	Christian Belief: The Nature of God & Feedback	Christian Belief: The Trinity and Jesus (1)	Christian Belief: The Trinity and Jesus (2)	Christian Belief: The Trinity and Jesus 3	Christian Belief: The Trinity cont.	Christian Belief: The Nativity
	Assessment						Diagnostic mark of books: Misconceptions/ PROUD Expectations
	Home Learning	Carousel HW Quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz		

Half Term

Week	31	32	33	34	35	36
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Year 7	Content	Animal Rights: Revision	Animal Rights: EOU	Islam: Intro	Islam: The Nature of God and Supremacy of God's Will	Islam the Afterlife	Islam: Salah
	Assessment		1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics.				Diagnostic mark of books: Misconceptions/ PROUD Expectations
	Home Learning		Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz	

Year 8	Content	Judaism: Yom Kippur	Judaism: Revision	Judaism EOU	Religion, Peace and Conflict: Introduction & Feedback	Religion, Peace and Conflict: Just War Theory	Religion, Peace and Conflict: Nuclear War
	Assessment			1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics.			
	Home Learning			Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz

Year 9	Content	Christian Belief: The Ministry	Revision	Christian Belief: The Crucifixion	Christian Belief: Post Resurrection accounts	Christian Belief: Exam Practice	Christian Belief: Ascension and Pentecost
	Assessment					12 Mark question: 'Jesus did not resurrect'	
	Home Learning	Carousel: K/O recall quiz			Carousel: K/O recall quiz		

Week	37	38	39
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Year 7	Content	Islam: Sawm & Zakat	Hajj	Assessment
	Assessment			1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics.
	Home Learning			

Year 8	Content	Religion, Peace and Conflict: Holy War	Religion, Peace and Conflict: forgiveness	Religion, Peace and conflict: EOU
	Assessment			1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics.
	Home Learning			

Year 9	Content	Christian Belief: Life after Death	Christian Belief: Life after death 2	Christian Belief: EOU
	Assessment			1,2,4,5 Mark Question Selection based on cross section of topics.
	Home Learning	Carousel: K/O recall quiz		