De La Salle School RE Curriculum Year 8

Year 8 Term 1	Year 8 Term 2	Year 8 Term 3
Creation & Covenant and Prophecy & Promise. Students explore the origins of sin through the Fall and the significance of the Covenant and Ten Commandments. The term shifts to the role of Prophets like Amos and Isaiah, examining messages of social justice and warnings of judgment, concluding with Advent traditions.	**Galilee to Jerusalem and Desert to Garden.** This term focuses on the ministry of Jesus, examining scripture through literal and moral senses. Students study Jesus' encounters with the marginalized, his parables, and the problem of evil and suffering, culminating in the Paschal Mystery and Reconciliation.	**To the Ends of the Earth and Islam.** Students examine the Resurrection accounts in Luke's Gospel and the significance of the empty tomb. The curriculum then introduces a comprehensive study of Islam, covering the life of Muhammad, the Five Pillars, the Qur'an, and the role of the Mosque.
Knowledge, Skills and Understanding		
• The meaning of Original Sin, Free Will, and the Fall. • The importance of the Covenant at Sinai and the Decalogue. • The pattern of prophetic texts (Call, Message, Fulfilment). • Social justice and care for the poor in the book of Amos. • Symbolism of the Advent Wreath and prophetic messages in Carols.	• Distinction between the literal and moral sense of scripture. • Characteristics of the Kingdom of God and 'Eschatology'. • Christian responses to the 'Inconsistent Triad' regarding evil. • The redemptive nature of Jesus' suffering (Suffering Servant). • Stages and effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation	• Resurrection of Jesus in Luke's Gospel and the story of Lazarus. • Origins of Islam and the life of Prophet Muhammad. • Importance of the Qur'an and Hadith in Muslim worship. • The impact of the Five Pillars (Shahadah, Salah, Zakah, Sawm, Hajj). • Key beliefs of Sunni and Shi'a Islam.
Assessment and Assessment Focus		
Assessments: HT1 (Creation/Covenant) & HT2 (Prophecy/Advent). Focus: Evaluation of the Decalogue's relevance and the impact of modern prophets like Oscar Romero.	Assessments: HT3 (Ministry/Parables) & HT4 (Problem of Evil/Paschal Mystery). Focus: Analysis of the 'moral sense' of parables and effectiveness of various theodicies.	Assessments: HT5 (Resurrection) & HT6 (Islam). Focus: Assessing the role of the Mosque and the relevance of Islamic scripture in contemporary Britain.