Topic Overview: Religion Around Us

KS3	Year 7
Disciplinary Focus:	Human and Social Sciences
Religion Focus:	Christianity
Religion to Encounter:	Islam
Core Question:	What religions can we see in the world around us?
Component Questions:	How is the religious make-up of the school reflected in the local area? How has Christianity divided into separate denominations over time and how is that reflected in the local area? What are the main differences in authority and leadership, and beliefs and practices between these different denominations? How has Islam divided into separate denominations over time and how is that reflected in the local area?
Core substantive knowledge:	The religious make-up of the school, and comparisons with local and national data. The development of Christianity over time including the Great Schism; the Protestant Reformation and the creation of the Church of England; and Nonconformism. The sources of authority and leadership in Roman Catholicism, Protestantism and other denominations. Similarities and differences in beliefs and practices between Roman Catholicism, Protestantism and other denominations, including the Eucharist, baptism and other sacraments. The key similarities and differences between Sunni and Shia Islam, including sources of authority and leadership; and religious practices, including Ashura.