

STMLC	Year Group 8
Subject <b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	Exam board and specification

Autumn Term 1	8.1 CREATION – Students will engage with the Genesis creation narrative and explore how to interpret the Biblical texts. Students will engage with big questions of Faith – the nature of Original sin, Human ecology, how to interpret the sacred scriptures, what it means to us to be made in God’s image, what is our human dignity and the call to be stewards of the Earth. Students will look at the example of St Francis of Assisi and Blessed Kateri Tekwitha and their care of the environment.
Autumn Term 2	8.2 THE COVENANT – students will revisit the theme of Covenant and explore its impact upon the life of Noah and Abraham. This will lead onto the call of Moses and an exploration of the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt into the promised land and the festival of Passover.
Spring Term 3	8.3 THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST - Students will explore the nature of mystery and apply it to our Catholic understanding of the Mass. Students will look at the various parts of the liturgical celebration of the mass, the penitential rite, the liturgy of the word, the offertory and the consecration. Students will look at the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and the call to holiness.
Spring Term 4	8.4 THE PASCHAL MYSTERY – Students will explore the key events of HOLY WEEK – Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and the trial of Jesus before the Sanhedrin and Pontius Pilate. Students will look at the way of the cross and explore the themes of denial and betrayal in Peter and Judas. Students will also explore Holy Saturday and the power of the Resurrection.
Summer Term 5	8.5 MISSION OF THE CHURCH – Students will look at the various challenges that face the Church in the present age and what it means for us to be the Church and the call to engage in mission and evangelisation. Students will look at the examples of Blessed Ozanam and the St Vincent de Paul Society, the vision of St Alberto Hurtado SJ, Jean Vanier and L’Arche and the inspiration of Brother Roger of Taize.
Summer Term 6	8.6 THE CHURCH IN BRITAIN – Students will look at the spread of Christianity and the arrival of the Gospel into the British Isles with the martyrdom of St Alban proto-martyr, St Augustine and his missionary monks, the witness of St Thomas Becket and the events that lead Henry VIII to the break with Rome. Students will look at the life and witness of St Thomas More, the key events of the English Reformation and the Martyrs of this period of our history, among them St Edmund Campion and St Margaret Clitherow. Students will also look at the impact of catholic Emancipation and the resurgence of Catholic culture in the UK.
Home learning	Our aim is always to further develop the rich ideas introduced and explored in the classroom and to better equip our students to live their faith and to engage with these big questions of life.
One thing to do	Think, reflect, explore, pray and engage
How technology can support you	
By the end of KS4 you will be able to	

*At Key Stage 3 all students receive two hours of RE each week; following the framework of a series called, "The Way, The Truth, & The Life." This programme is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Religious Education Curriculum Directory for Catholic Schools published by the Bishops' Conference*

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