



**Overview**

**Curriculum Area – Island II - Religious Studies**

**Overview – Year 8 Innov8 2021-22**

**Personnel Responsible – EGY**

**Quality Assured by – CMS**

**Exam Board/Qualification – N/A**

Assessment Cycle	Topic/Unit Title – Big Question	Rationale/Skill Development	Content covered in the cycle
<p><b>The cycle of lessons is taught on a four-cycle rotation.</b></p>	<p><b>Which way does The Island’s moral compass point?</b></p>	<p>Island II offers a range of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural experiences through lessons that fire pupils’ curiosity and imagination. Students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural appreciation and understanding of society is extended through our curriculum offering. We explore ethics and philosophy through many different mediums.</p> <p>PLT skills are enshrined at the heart of the feedback and reflection cycle in Island II, which is a clear expression of our commitment as an Academy to SMSC. Students must demonstrate and reflect on how to improve, core skills that promote the British values of tolerance and mutual respect.</p> <p>Through a thematic approach to both Religious Studies and Citizenship, students develop skills in debating, reasoning and critiquing ethical and moral responses to some of the world’s most topical issues.</p>	<p>Abortion – what is abortion? Why does it take place? What are the ethical and moral issues surrounding it?</p> <p>Euthanasia - what is Euthanasia? Why does it take place? Where in the world is Euthanasia legal &amp; Illegal? What are the ethical and moral issues surrounding it?</p> <p>Punishment – why do we punish perpetrators? What is the aim of punishment? Is capital punishment ever acceptable? Is capital punishment a deterrence?</p> <p>Prisoner Treatment – Should we care about how prisoners are treated? Is the purpose of prison to punish inmates or reform them?</p> <p>War – Why does war happen? Is war morally acceptable? Why do some religious believers have differing views when it comes to war?</p> <p>Pacifism – Are pacifists cowards? Is pacifism in conflict with nationalism in times of war?</p> <p>Animals – Are animals equal with humans? Is animal testing ever acceptable?</p> <p>Environment – Where does our food come from? Do we have a responsibility to source responsible diets? Is environmental degradation something we should be concerned about?</p> <p>Equality – are all races and religions treated equally on the island? Does the island treat women fairly?</p>