

**Year 13 Religious Studies: Michaelmas 2. Life after Death**

Topic/Content	Objectives/Skills	Homework	Assessment	Success Criteria (for E/S/D at KS3)	Stretch & Challenge (Thirst for Learning)
Views about life after death across a range of religious traditions	a) Immortality of the soul: soul as non-physical and spiritual and continuing to exist after death of body. b) Rebirth: belief there is no unchanging soul and importance of karma. c) Reincarnation: transmigration of souls and importance of karma. d) Replica theory: notion that one can die in one body and continue to live in a different body while being the same person, including after death. e) Resurrection: belief that God will restore the dead in bodily form to eternal life. With reference to the ideas of J Hick.	Read key course notes.  Supplemental reading with provided textbook and internet resources.  A variety of practice questions within the structure of the exam.	End-of-module examination under timed conditions.	See grade descriptors and level descriptors given in course handbook	Brian Davies, "An introduction to the Philosophy of Religion."  Internet Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.  Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.  John Hick, "Philosophy of Religion."
Points for discussion about life after death	a) Relationship between mind and body, including variations of dualism and monism. b) Life after death linked to moral reasoning, near death experiences, debates related to role of evidence, religious language. With reference to the ideas of Plato and Aristotle.				

Religion and science debates and their significance for philosophy of religion	Methodologies with emphasis on observation, hypothesis and experiment, identifying connections and differences vis a vis religious belief and processes; miracles. b) Creation themes and scientific cosmologies: Big Bang, steady state theories, intelligent design and irreducible complexity, creationism, cosmological constant, evolution, Gaia hypothesis. With reference to the ideas of C Darwin and R Dawkins.				