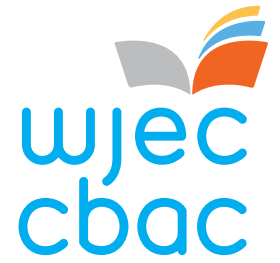


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Content from Catholic Christianity and Jewish perspectives

Suggested scheme of learning (Yr.10 May Half Term – Summer)

Key		Jewish content
		Catholic content
		General perspectives

No.	Topic	Key Question	Teachers' notes (from specification)
1	Crime and Punishment	What makes an act wrong?	What makes an act 'wrong'?
2		What is Natural law?	Religious and ethical responses: relative and absolute morality, Natural Law and conscience, virtues, sin.
3		What is relative morality?	
4		What is absolute morality?	
5		What do Catholics believe causes crime?	Catholic beliefs and attitudes about the causes of crime and the aims of punishment: justice, retribution, deterrence and reformation.
6		What do Catholics believe about the aims of punishment?	
7		What do Jews believe causes crime?	Beliefs and attitudes about the causes of crime and the aims of punishment: justice, retribution, deterrence and reformation.
8		What do Jews believe about the aims of punishment?	
9		How are criminals treated in prisons?	The treatment of criminals and the work of prison reformers and prison chaplains.
10		What is the death penalty?	Catholic responses to the Death Penalty, including interpretations of Christian teaching: Exodus 20:13, Matthew 5:38-39, 43-47.
11		How do Catholics respond to the death penalty?	

12	Crime and Punishment	How do Jews respond to the death penalty?	Varied Jewish responses to the Death Penalty, including interpretations of teaching: Leviticus 24:17-20, Exodus 20:13.
13		How does the Catholic Church respond to issues of crime and punishment?	The response of the Catholic Church to crime and punishment, including capital punishment and reformation; Pope John Paul II's <i>Evangelium Vitae</i> 56.
14	Forgiveness	What is Just War Theory?	Peace and conflict: Just War Theory. Pacifism and Conscientious Objectors.
15		What is pacifism?	
16		What are conscientious objectors?	
17		How do people respond to evil and suffering?	Responses to suffering and evil, including forgiveness.
18		What does Christianity teach about forgiveness?	Christian teachings about forgiveness, including interpretations of teachings: Matthew 18:21-22, Matthew 6: 14-15, John 20:21-23.
19		What does Judaism teach about forgiveness?	Jewish teachings about forgiveness, including interpretations of teachings: Micah 7:18.
20		Have you ever forgiven?	Examples of forgiveness arising from personal beliefs.
21	Good, Evil and Suffering	What do Catholics believe about Original Sin?	Catholic perspectives on the origin of evil: Original Sin (free will) and 'soul-making' (Augustine and Irenaeus/Hick): Augustine, <i>The Enchiridion</i> 3:11.
22		What is 'soul-making'?	
23		What are the Jewish philosophical perspectives of evil?	Philosophical perspectives on the origin of evil: Berakhot 9:5, Avodah Zarah, 3b, Deuteronomy 30:15-19.
24		Can you believe in God in a world of suffering?	Philosophical challenges posed by belief in God and the existence of evil and suffering.

25	Good, Evil and Suffering	How does John Paul II respond to suffering?	Catholic responses to the Problem of Evil; Pope John Paul II's <i>Salvifici Doloris</i> 13 and 23.
26		What are the Orthodox and Reform Jewish responses to the the Holocaust?	Diverse Jewish responses to The Holocaust (Shoah) Holocaust survivors who came to Wales: Eva Clarke.
27		How is Holocaust Memorial Day commemorated in Wales?	Holocaust Memorial Day in Wales.