### On – Line Programme of Learning for Year 8

Autumn (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Autumn (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Spring (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Spring (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Summer (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Summer (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
From: September 2024	From: October 2024	From: January 2025	From: February 2025	From: April 2025	From: June 2025
To: October 2024	To: December 2024	To: February 2025	To: March 2025	To: May 2025	To: July 2025
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<ul> <li>Exploration of the eastern religions- Sikhism</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exploration of the eastern religions- Sikhism</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Arguments for and against the existence of God</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Arguments for and against the existence of God</li> </ul>	Atheism in the modern world	Atheism in the modern world
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#### Reading / literacy / Oracy:

These skills will be developed through the Calendared Centrally Planned Extended Home-Learning that includes a compulsory reading/literacy task, through completing questions that require a variety of skills i.e., explanation, by developing the skills of writing using logical chains of reasoning as well as using CUBE, PERC model and a variety of writing frames to support students' academic literacy.

#### Numeracy:

The skill of numeracy will be developed through using logical chains of reasoning, beginning to appraise the value of the evidence provided by weighing up which argument is more logical, rational, or convincing and through the referencing of sources of wisdom and authority.

#### Enrichment / opportunities to develop cultural capital (including careers, WRL and SMSC):

The RE department has recently formed close links with experienced Rabbis from two different denominational branches of Judaism. The Rabbi's scheduled annual visit consists of customised assemblies and workshops focusing on various topics allowing our students to learn about the Jewish beliefs, values, and traditions. These workshops are brought to life with religious artefacts. In addition to this the RE department aims to engage in a virtual workshop with the Jewish Museum, as well as this the department aims to have speakers from the Humanist Society UK discuss their beliefs and practices allowing students to further develop their understanding of beliefs in contemporary Britain. The RE department has also formed close links with the local churches in Southall namely St Johns and St Anselm's church. The customised assemblies led by the church's outreach workers allows for students to develop their understanding of the various tenets of the Christian faith.