

SUPER-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

GCSE: Religious Studies Years 10 & 11

 What is the role of prison chaplains? Research the work that they do in local prisons (eg HMP Rochester, HMP Swaleside, HMP Maidstone.)	 Write a letter to your local Member of Parliament, asking them to raise awareness of an issue relating to human rights, discrimination or poverty that is of particular importance to you.	 Create a collage on the theme of good and evil. You could include images from newspapers that depict the positive and negative aspects of human nature and/or the natural world.
 Research Peter Singer's views on Speciesism: the belief that human and non-human animals have the same rights. Write a list of any aspect of your life that he might challenge (think about food, pets, clothes...)	 What are the different views held by Christians in relation to the death penalty (capital punishment)? Which viewpoints most closely resemble your own?	 Read the first three chapters of the book of Genesis in the Bible. Why do you think that Christians might interpret these in different ways? Follow Link 1 (below)
 Watch a video of Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech. Have any aspects of this dream come true? Follow Link 2 (below)	 Visit the British History of Human Rights website. Read about the progression from The Magna Carta to The Human Rights Act that is with us today. Will these rights remain in place post-Brexit?	 Research the role of Religious charities that are based in this country, whose aim is to help those experiencing poverty (for example, Christian Aid.) Can you find examples of local organisations?
 A dove is often seen as a symbol of peace. Make your own origami dove using the instructions on the Origami Way website. Follow Link 3 (below)	 Design a poster to raise awareness of human rights abuses that are taking place in the world today. Try to find cases that may have links to Britain, (eg food/clothing that is imported.)	 Imagine that you are going to interview a religious leader (eg the Archbishop of Canterbury.) Write a list of questions that you would ask them about any aspect of life and death.
 Read 'The God Delusion' by Richard Dawkins. He writes from an atheistic point of view... to what extent do you agree or disagree with his views?	 Forgiveness is an important theme in Christianity but forgiving others can be very hard to do. Write a short poem on the theme of forgiveness (this could include religious or non-religious themes.)	

Links to websites used in this Super-Curricular GCSE Activities sheet:

Link 1: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%201-3&version=NIV>

Link 2: <https://www.theguardian.com/theguardian/2007/apr/28/greatspeeches>

Link 3: <https://www.origamiway.com/origami-dove.shtml>

	Reading task		Creative task		Watching task		Student-led task
	Research task		Writing task		Listening task		Trip or visit