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Unit 1 comprises 50% of the GCSE qualification. Therefore the scheme of learning proposed below is intended **only as a guide** based on approximately three hours of RS per fortnight over in an academic year. The total number of lessons in this scheme is fifty-five based on one hour per lesson. The recommendation is that the **whole** of the course is **always** taught.

Assessment should be formative **and** engaging. Where possible, try and use the same or similar format to the final examination. Always share mark schemes with students. Ideally this should be towards the end of the unit so that they have had time to assimilate and engage in the work first.

The Moral Maze on Radio 4 is an excellent resource for those who are interested, as is The Infinite Monkey Cage (also on Radio 4). Both are available as podcasts thus making it easier to select relevant episodes.

### **Part B: Theme 1: Issues of Life and Death (lessons 1-7)**

Lesson	Area of Study	Specific Content	Concepts	Resources	Possible Learning Activities
1	The world	Islamic beliefs, teaching and attitudes about the origin of the universe	Evolution; soul	<p>Qur'an 36:81;  <a href="https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/how-islam-began-ten-minutes">https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/how-islam-began-ten-minutes</a>;</p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/environment/isbeliefsrev1.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/environment/isbeliefsrev1.shtml</a></p>	Read the Qur'anic references mentioned and in the bitesize link; ask students to comment on them
2	The world	Relationship between Islamic views and non-religious views	Evolution; soul	<p>Georges Lemaître – the Belgian cosmologist, mathematician and Catholic priest who worked on big bang theory before it was called that:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sH4miOx3vFE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sH4miOx3vFE</a>;</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuyYGVDCdN0&amp;t=579s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuyYGVDCdN0&amp;t=579s</a>            (This is the whole video of Hawking's 'Did God Create the Universe?')</p>	To what extent do the Islamic views and non-Islamic views conflict?
3	The world	Key Islamic beliefs	Environmental responsibility	<p>Fitra, khalifah, environmental responsibility, sustainability and global citizenship: Qur'an 7:54; how does the Ummah fit into this? Should there be loyalty to religion, country or both?  <a href="https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/god-religion-or-queen-country">https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/god-religion-or-queen-country</a></p>	How does the role of khalifah encourage environmental responsibility?
4	The origin and value of human life	Islamic beliefs on the sanctity of human life	Sanctity of life; quality of life; abortion; euthanasia; soul	<p>Qur'an 5:32, 6:151</p> <p>Islamic attitudes towards abortion and euthanasia: Qur'an 30:40  <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/islamethics/abortion_1.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/islamethics/abortion_1.shtml</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/islamethics/euthanasia.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/islamethics/euthanasia.shtml</a></p>	Abortion/euthanasia debate

			<p>Muslims in the UK and Europe:          Debate on abortion/euthanasia; compare UK laws on euthanasia to those of Belgium:  <a href="http://www.patientsrightscouncil.org/site/belgium/">http://www.patientsrightscouncil.org/site/belgium/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3491951/Belgian-lawmakers-vote-world-s-death-demand-law-mean-no-doctor-stop-patient-wants-die.html">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3491951/Belgian-lawmakers-vote-world-s-death-demand-law-mean-no-doctor-stop-patient-wants-die.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eo8Hn0DEcpw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eo8Hn0DEcpw</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-37335846">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-37335846</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Euthanasiaandassistedsuicide/Pages/Introduction.aspx">http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Euthanasiaandassistedsuicide/Pages/Introduction.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/9480227/Tony-Nicklinson-breaks-down-as-High-Court-rejects-his-right-to-die-plea.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/9480227/Tony-Nicklinson-breaks-down-as-High-Court-rejects-his-right-to-die-plea.html</a></p> <p>Donald Trump on abortion:  <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/11/15/what-abortion-could-look-like-in-an-america-without-roe-v-wade/">https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/11/15/what-abortion-could-look-like-in-an-america-without-roe-v-wade/</a></p> <p>A very touching and intriguing story:  <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-38012267">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-38012267</a></p>	
5	The origin and value of human life		<p>Abortion and euthanasia – Peter Singer ‘speciesism’  <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/animals/rights/speciesism.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/animals/rights/speciesism.shtml</a>  <a href="http://www.dignityindying.org.uk/">http://www.dignityindying.org.uk/</a></p>	Define situationist/relativist and then compare to doctrinal/absolutist views

6	Beliefs about death and the afterlife	Islamic beliefs and teaching about life after death	Afterlife; soul	Qur'an 46:33, 3:16; soul, judgement, akhirah, heaven and hell	Define the key terms mentioned here
7	Beliefs about death and the afterlife	Muslim burial in Wales; Humanist funerals in Wales	Afterlife; soul	<a href="http://www.conwy.gov.uk/doc.asp?cat=7982&amp;doc=26694">http://www.conwy.gov.uk/doc.asp?cat=7982&amp;doc=26694</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/death/islamdeathritesrev2.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/death/islamdeathritesrev2.shtml</a> <a href="https://humanism.org.uk/ceremonies/nonreligious-funerals/">https://humanism.org.uk/ceremonies/nonreligious-funerals/</a> What are the differences between Muslim and Humanist funerals? Why?	Get students to contact their local authority to see what plans it has in place for Muslim funerals