

Religious Studies Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: 9

Topic: Relationships

Half Term: Spring One



Key Terms

Hijab

A head covering worn in public by some Muslim women. Modesty is important in Islam and there are several different items which may be used to cover the hair and sometimes face.

The Ten Commandments

Ten rules which Christians believe were given to Moses by God and should be followed.

The Five Pillars of Islam

Five things which a Muslim must do: Shahadah, the profession of faith, Salat, praying five times a day, Zakat, giving to charity, Sawm, fasting and Hajj, going on pilgrimage to Mecca.

LGBTQ+

Initials used to describe people who are L= lesbian G= gay B= bisexual T= transgender Q= questioning and + meaning other sexualities.

Celibacy

A lifestyle where you don't have a sexual relationship.

Arranged marriage

Where a partner is chosen by a person's family, with their full consent.

Islamophobia

A fear, dislike or prejudice against Muslims.

Extremism

Taking beliefs to the extreme and interpreting a way which may cause harm to people. This could happen in any religion.



People who follow religions are expected to behave in a certain way. Many Christians believe that they should follow the ten commandments, and Muslims believe that they should practice the Five Pillars of Islam. In the UK, around 70% of 16 - 29 year olds in the UK identify as being non-religious, possibly because people other than religious leaders often influence young people. Some young people who are religious have said they sometimes feel judged..



Religion can have a big influence on human relationships of all types. For example, many Christians and Muslims are expected to wait until they are married to begin a sexual relationship. Catholic Christians would believe that divorce is wrong and that marriage is for life, however Buddhists believe that marriage is not religious, and therefore divorce is not breaking any religious rules. Marriages in Hindu or Muslim families are sometimes arranged marriages.

. Same sex relationships are a controversial topic for many religious people. Many Protestant Churches will offer same sex weddings or blessings. Homosexuality is unacceptable to some Hindus, however others believe that it does have a place in the community, because of ancient carvings in Indian temples that show people having homosexual sex. Most Hindu communities favor heterosexual marriage because it leads to the forming of family units



Islamophobia is experienced by many British Muslim people. This can sometimes be because of misleading headlines in newspapers, or sometimes because people make generalisations about all Muslims based on the actions of extremists. Isra Mohammed, a 15 year old school girl, got so fed up with being treated differently because of her religion that she delivered an assembly to her whole school explaining the difference between Muslims and terrorists.

Religious Teachings

"I hold your hand in the spirit of Dharma, we are both husband and wife".

Om Hindu marriage ceremony vows



"The most detestable of lawful things before Allah is divorce."

"Children, obey your parents...Parents, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the instruction of the Lord."



Suggested Reading

- (Un)arranged Marriage by Bali Rai

