






## Year 7 Autumn 1 – Religion and Worldviews

### Tasks:

1. Create an A4 mindmap using the information below. Use diagrams, key words and information. Make sure you include information from each week.
2. Now create a mindmap using only 25 key words.

<b>Week 1</b> <b>What is religion?</b> 	<i>What are Ninian Smart's 7 Dimensions that all religions have in common?</i>	Material, stories, beliefs and teachings, social, rules, feelings and rituals.
	<i>Why is Buddhism still a religion despite having no belief in a God?</i>	There are belief systems, faith, ideas about life after death and the place of humans in the universe etc. which all fit into Smart's 7 Dimensions.
<b>Week 2</b> <b>What is the purpose of religion?</b>	<i>What does Durkheim say is the purpose of religion?</i>	Religion helps us bond with one another and make sense of the world. Religion is an important part of society as it helps us pass on our rules and values to the next generation.
	<i>What does Marx say is the purpose of religion?</i>	Marx believed that religion is created to help the powerful people in society to keep control of the poor as it encourages them to accept their position in life.
<b>Week 3</b> <b>What is a worldview?</b> 	<i>Does everyone have a worldview?</i>	Yes – it is the way each person sees the world. People's beliefs are influenced by their worldviews.
	<i>What questions help someone define their worldview?</i>	What is real? What happens when someone dies? How do we know what is right and wrong? What does it mean to be human?
	<i>What factors influence someone's worldview?</i>	Family, education, culture, country, media, experiences etc.
<b>Week 4</b> <b>What is an organised and personal worldview?</b> 	<i>What is an organised worldview?</i>	It is a structured worldview that agrees on teachings and practices e.g. Roman Catholicism.
	<i>What is a personal worldview?</i>	An individual's own way of understanding and living in the world, that may or may not draw from one or many organised worldviews.
	<i>Give an example to distinguish between an organised and personal worldview.</i>	Islam is a religion that teaches you should pray 5 times a day. However, in India, the majority of Muslims don't pray. Their personal worldview differs to the organised worldview because of their country of origin.
<b>Week 5</b> <b>Is veganism a worldview or religion?</b> 	<i>What is veganism?</i>	A way of living which seeks to exclude all forms of exploitation of and cruelty to animals for food or clothing.
	<i>How might veganism be regarded as a religion?</i>	It follows some of Smart's dimensions e.g. they follow specific dietary rules, they often bear witness at slaughterhouse vigils (ritual), there are stories and key texts that influence beliefs etc.
	<i>How might veganism be regarded as a worldview?</i>	Veganism is a way of life and a philosophy that has influenced outside of religious framework. It influences the thought, interaction and behaviour of its followers.
<b>Week 4</b> <b>What is the state of religion today?</b> 	<i>What is the main religion at Abbey College?</i>	52% of students identify as being Christian.
	<i>How many people are not religious in the UK?</i>	In the 2011 census, 25.8% of the population said they had no religion. This number is set to increase in the 2021 census.
	<i>Does this reflect what is happening globally?</i>	In the world today, religion is increasing. 4 out of 10 Christians will live in sub-Saharan Africa by 2050 and there are likely to be more Muslims than Christians in the world by 2070.