

# Year 8 Religious Education Vocabulary List

## *(Tier 2 and Tier 3)*



**Allah** – God in Islam

**Analyse** – examine (something) methodically and in detail, typically in order to explain and interpret it.

**Atonement** – restoring the relationship between people and God through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus

**Compare** – estimate, measure, or note the similarity or dissimilarity between.

**Conscience** – A person's moral sense of right and wrong, viewed as a guide to one's behaviour

**Covenant** – An agreement between individuals, often, on behalf of the Jews and God

**Describe** – to give a detailed account

**Disciple** – A follower of Jesus; one who learns

**Evaluate** – form an idea of the amount, number, or value of; assess.

**Explain** – to make something clear or easy to understand by describing or giving information/examples about it.

**Hajj** – Pilgrimage, one of the five pillars of Islam

**Islamophobia** – Unreasonable dislike or fear of, and prejudice against, Muslims or Islam

**Justice** – Bringing about what is right and fair according to the law, or making up for a wrong that has been committed.

**Mecca** – A city in Saudi Arabia, considered by Muslim as the holiest city in Islam

**Messiah** – ‘the anointed one’

**Morality** – Principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong and good and bad behaviour

**Mosque** – The Muslim place of worship

**Ordination** – The act or ceremony of making someone a priest or a religious leader

**Parable** – A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

**Pentecost** – In the Christian religion, a Holy Day that is the seventh Sunday after Easter

**Qur’an** – The Muslim Holy Book

**Ramadan** – the ninth month in the Islamic year, during which Muslims take no food or drink during the day from the time the light from the sun appears in the morning until the sun can no longer be seen in the evening

**Reconciliation** – The restoring of harmony after relationships have broken down

**Sacrament** – Rites and rituals through which the believer receives a special gift of God’s grace.

**Salah** – Prayer, one of the five pillars of Islam

**Stereotypes** – A set idea that people have about something or someone, especially an idea that is wrong

**Vocation** – A call from God to fulfil a particular role in life

**Vows** – To make a determined promise to do something

**Wudu** – Ritual washing performed by Muslims before prayer and worship