**Key Teachings**

The media is a means of mass communication, a way of getting information to as many people as possible as fast as possible..

Some programmes show religious belief as a positive thing to be encouraged. Others may present religious belief as something to laugh at and ridicule.

Traditionally there was little in the mainstream media relating to faiths other than Christianity, some religions seem to always be portrayed in a negative way.

Soaps tackle many controversial and important moral issues. Usually good wins against evil.

**Assessment**

* Make a power point presentation outlining the dangers of social media.
* Address the question “How does a director influence how a religious character is portrayed in film?”

**Skills**

Analyse the impact of different views on the place of modern media in relation to religion and belief.

Evaluate a statement making detailed reference to the religions studied, including relevant examples of religious practice.

Suggest reasons for diverse interpretations of scriptures and other important texts.

Use respect and compassion to express views on how religions and world views have affected society.

**Unit of Study**  Religion and the Media

**Year9**

**Overview**

The media can have a powerful influence over our lives without us even realising it.

By the end of this unit you will;

* describe how some television programmes deal with religious issues.
* identify your own questions about the portrayal of religion in the media.
* evaluate religious answers to the question of sex and violence in the media.
* name some media programmes about religion.

**Key Words**

**Media**

**Communication**

**Bias**

**Freedom of Speech**

**Soap opera**