



**Topic Overview**  
 Faculty/Subject: RS  
 Year Group: 8  
 Topic: **Life of Muhammad (pbuh)**



**What BIG IDEAS will you cover in this topic?**

- Gaining an understanding of Arabia before the rise of Islam.
- Exploring the key events in the life of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), especially those leading up to the first revelation of the Qur'an.
- Learning about the early challenges faced by Muhammad (pbuh), including persecution and the significance of the Hijra to Medina.

**What other key concepts, knowledge and skills will you learn in this topic?**

- Describe the social, political, and religious landscape of pre-Islamic Arabia, including tribal life, idol worship, and the significance of the Ka'aba.
- Retell and understand the story of the first revelation received by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the Cave of Hira and its importance in Islamic belief.
- Develop analytical and evaluative skills by examining the early life of the Prophet, the challenges he faced, and the historical context in which Islam began.
- Explore how historical evidence and religious texts provide insight into the early Muslim community and the life of the Prophet.

**What important prior knowledge will you use from your prior learning?**

- The Year 7 Islam unit, which introduced the Five Pillars and the core beliefs of Islam.

**Where does this topic fit into the curriculum plan for this subject?**

This unit follows the study of core Muslim teachings and beliefs.

It forms part of the Year 8 focus on **sources of wisdom and authority**, with a particular emphasis on the life of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and the revelation of the Qur'an as central to Islamic belief.

**Assessment:**

**How and when will you be assessed on this topic?**

**What will the success criteria be?**

- **End of Unit Knowledge Test** – focused on factual recall and understanding of key events and concepts.
- **Year-End Exam** – this topic will be revisited during revision and will be included in the final exam, alongside other topics studied throughout the year.

**What is the key vocabulary that you will need to know in this topic?**

Prophet	Qur'an
Ka'aba	Hadith
Bedouin	Surah
Al-Amin	Persecution
Khadija	Idol worship
Revelation	Jahiliyya
Hira	Humiliation
Monotheism	Quraysh

**What is the structure of learning/lessons in this topic?**

- Lesson 1.** Introduction to the life of Muhammad (pbuh)
- Lesson 2.** Khadija
- Lesson 3.** Revelation
- Lesson 4.** The Qur'an
- Lesson 5.** Persecution
- Lesson 6.** Hijra
- Lesson 7.** End of Unit Test

