

Religious Education knowledge organiser – Year 11 – Crime and Punishment – Cycle 1

Crime, punishment and its aims	
Crime	An offence, which is punishable by the law.
Punishment	Something legally done to somebody after being found guilty of breaking the law.
Evil	opposite of good
Retribution	To get your own back
Deterrent	To put people off committing crimes
Reformation	To change someone's behaviour for the better

Treatment of criminals	
Prison	A secure building where offenders are kept for a period of time.
Corporal punishment	Punishes offenders by inflicting pain
Community service	Punishing offenders by making them do unpaid work in the community.

Death Penalty	
Death penalty	A prisoner is put to death for their crime.
Principle of utility	The idea that an action is right if it promotes maximum happiness for the maximum.
Sanctity of life	Life is holy and belongs to God

Forgiveness	
forgiveness	Showing mercy and pardoning someone for they have done wrong.

Scripture	
'an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth' (Bible)	Criminals should receive the same (not greater) injuries and harm that their criminal actions caused.
'I was in prison and you came to visit me' (Bible)	The parable of the sheep and the goats makes it clear that helping prisoners is helping Jesus.
'Do not take life, which Allah has made sacred' (Qur'an)	Murder is wrong because only God has the right and authority to take away life.
'God commands justice... and prohibits wrongdoing (Qur'an)	Muslims believe that the law should be obeyed , especially those living in countries governed by Shari'ah law.

Forgiveness scripture	
'Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing' (Bible)	Jesus forgave those who crucified him after being found guilty and sentenced at death.
'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us' (Bible)	Lord's prayer – God will forgive them for any sins
'Let us..forgive...Do you not wish that God should forgive you' (Qur'an)	Muslims should forgive others if they wish God to forgive them.

Capital punishment scripture	
'You shall not murder' (Bible)	Murder is wrong because only God has the right to give and take away life.
'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked but rather that they turn from their ways and live' (Bible)	Wrongdoers should be reformed.
'We prescribed for them a life for a life, an eye for an eye (Qur'an)	Justice overrides the sanctity of life.