

## Core Curriculum

### 8 Islamic Relationships, Sects and Conflicts

#### 8.5 **Sunnism and Shi'ism, beginnings and historical developments.**

**Word:** Twelver or Imami Shias

**Meaning:** Shias who believe in the 12 Imams

**Word:** Ismaili Shias

**Meaning:** people who believed in the first 6 Imams, but follow a different line of Imams after Imam Jafar al-Sadiq

**Word:** Proto-Sunnism

**Meaning:** The initial phases and building blocks of what we know as Sunnism today. Proto-Sunnism was a movement with many disparate groups that had contradicting views on law, theology and overall Islamic creed and doctrine. They were united only to the extent that they thought that the first two caliphs, Abu Bakr and Umar, were righteous