

## Core Curriculum

### 1 God, Religion and Islam: An Introduction

#### 1.2 God, Allah and Religion

**Question:** What does Allah mean?

**Answer:** It is the Arabic word for God.

**Question:** Why did God send down revelation and religion?

**Answer:** In order to guide humankind to salvation and purify their hearts from evil and heedlessness of Him.

**Question:** Does God want us to enter hell?

**Answer:** No, His will is that we enter heaven through our free will.

**Question:** Why does God punish us?

**Answer:** In order to wake us up and realize our mistakes.

**Question:** What is the difference between deism and God in Islam?

**Answer:** In deism, God is distant from humankind and does not get involved in their affairs, whereas the God of Islam is closer to us than our jugular veins. He does all that is possible to guide us to salvation whilst maintaining our free will.