

Stanchester Academy - Year 8 – RE – Autumn Term 1 – Sikhism

keywords		
1	Khanda	symbol of the Sikh faith
2	monotheistic	a belief in only one God
3	Chakar	a circle representing God without beginning or end which forms part of the Khanda
4	Guru	spiritual teacher
5	Sikh	someone who follows Sikhism/ Leaner or Disciple
6	Guru Nanak	the founder of Sikhism and first Guru
7	Guru Granth Sahib	Sikh sacred text, treated as a living Guru (spiritual teacher)
8	Adi Granth	the first collection of Sikh writings, compiled by Guru Arjan
9	Gurbani	Holy Words contained in the Scripture which literally means 'from the Guru's mouth'

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1	Chauri	a decorative fan used to purify the air surrounding the GGS
2	Khalsa	the Sikh community, literally 'the community of the pure'. Refers particularly to initiated Sikhs
3	sacrifice	an act of slaughtering an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity
4	Vaisakhi	the most important Sikh festival
5	Panj Pyare	the five beloved ones. Those first initiated into the Khalsa
6	Singh	lion. Name adopted by Sikh males
7	Kaur	princess. Second name given to Sikh females
8	Amrit	nectar. Sanctified (holy) liquid made of sugar and water, used in initiation ceremonies
9	The Five K's	five articles which identify a Sikh who has been initiated into the Khalsa

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1	Kirpan	a warriors sword which symbolises defending the Sikh religion and truth
2	Kesh	one of the five K's, meaning hair. Sikh's promise not to cut their hair to demonstrate their obedience to God
3	Kara	a steel bangle representing God with no beginning or end
4	Kanga	a small, wooden comb. Used to keep the hair in place and as a symbol of cleanliness
5	Kachera	one of the five K's. Short trousers worn as underwear, worn as a reminder of self-control for Sikh's
6	Gurdwara	a place where Sikh's come together to worship
7	Nishan Sahib	the name of the flag found outside every Gurdwara
8	Langar	a free kitchen and place where food is eaten in a Gurdwara
9	Sewa	selfless service to the community