



GCSE Religious Studies

COURSE OUTLINE:

The lessons will cover a broad range of moral dilemmas, including marriage and family life, abortion, euthanasia, war and conflict, and community cohesion. Students will be presented with challenging concepts and will be asked to discover how both religious and non-religious people deal with such dilemmas. This course will enable students to develop their own ideas of morality and spirituality, as well as gaining a greater understanding of the culture and beliefs of the local community and those around the world. Students will be encouraged to consider their own beliefs and personal morality and get involved in discussions and debates developing their own oracy with other students. Students will be challenged with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling them to develop their own attitudes towards religious issues.

Students will also gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture. They will develop analytical and critical thinking skills, the ability to work with abstract ideas, leadership and research skills. GCSE RS is not about making you religious, it is about establishing yourself as a person. It is about knowing what you think and being aware of what others think. All these skills will help prepare them for further study.

COURSE ASSESSMENT:

Students will follow the GCSE AQA course. Our GCSE covers two of the major world religions and four contemporary ethical themes, ensuring students have a diverse choice of intriguing subjects to explore.

Paper 1 50% of GCSE	Paper 2 50% of GCSE
Component 1: The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices	Component 2: Thematic studies
Beliefs, teachings and practices from: Christianity Muslim	Theme A: Relationships and families. Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict. Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment. Theme F: Religion, human rights and social justice:
Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 96 marks, plus 6 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG)	Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 96 marks, plus 6 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG)

COURSE QUALIFICATION:

GCSE Grades 9 to 1 are available.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Religious studies will develop a variety of skills. You will analyse, interpret and evaluate information as well as learn how to think and write clearly and logically. Such skills are useful in a great number of careers including education, journalism, medicine and law.

TEACHER TO SEE FOR GUIDANCE:

Ms G Hawley Classroom B12

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