

Religious Studies

GCSE - AQA (A)

Subject Leader: Miss Mandher

What's it all about?

GCSE Religious Studies is about 'life issues and morality' and it offers the students an opportunity for the thematic study of religion and responses to fundamental questions of life. Students develop their knowledge and understanding of religion by exploring the impact of beliefs, teachings and practices. The course also takes into consideration secular views on various topics relating to the subject. We encourage students to express their personal responses and informed insights on these fundamental questions, all the while having an open mind and being tolerant of the views of other people. Students are expected to draw on examples of the issues we cover as seen in the news, to further their understanding of how these issues are relevant in the modern day.

What will I learn on this course?

Some of the topics you will study include:

- Animal rights
- The environment
- Prejudice
- Early life
- War and peace
- Elderly and death
- Crime and punishment
- Rich and poor in British society

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is by examination only. There are two written papers, each lasting 1 hour 45 minutes. Both papers are worth 50% of the final grade.

- Component 1: The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices
- Component 2: Thematic studies

What do your current students say?

"It's really fascinating. You get to learn about topics like the death penalty; euthanasia; abortion and then study what the religious beliefs are on those topics."

"It's really good, we get to have lots of discussions and debates about the topics we study and reflect on our own beliefs."

"This subject has helped me develop my understanding of a range of faiths. It has helped me be more tolerant and respectful of other peoples' beliefs, regardless of whether they are theist, atheist or agnostic."

Who can I contact for further information?

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