

# GCSE Religious Studies



The GCSE Religious Studies course covers a range of topics and allows students to access a broad range of ethical and religious topics. In year 10 pupils will cover Religion, peace and conflict through Christianity and Religion and Ethics through Islam in Year 11.

Both of these topics include a range of relevant and developing issues such as, in year 10; justice, crime, evil and suffering, punishment and the aims of punishment, treatment of criminals and the death penalty, peace and conflict, holy war, just war, weapons of mass destruction, Christian beliefs and living the Christian life.

In year 11; origins and values of the universe, the sanctity of life, abortion, life after death, euthanasia, issues in the natural world, marriage, sexual relationships, contraception, divorce, equality of men and women, gender prejudice and discrimination, Muslim beliefs and living the Muslim life.

## How the course is assessed:

The course is assessed solely through examination with two examinations at the end of Year 11, both weighted at 50%. Each examination lasts 1 hour and 45 minutes, and is a combination of short and medium tariff questions, with an extended essay question.

## Career progression:

Potential career pathways that could lead on from this course:

Religious Studies is an awarding subject in which pupils develop key skills such as evaluation, interpretation, ethical and moral decision making that can be applicable in almost any chosen pathway; it is a sought-after subject because of this. Religious Studies at GCSE level prepares pupils well for their studies at A-Level and beyond.

- A career within Law
- Education
- Mental Health
- Doctor/Nurse

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