

Key Stage 4 Options 2021

Religious Studies (PRE)



Why choose Religious Studies GCSE



Do you like.....

To think deeply about issues?

Questions everything?

Debate?

Understand people beliefs?

Being philosophical?

Explore challenging modern issues?

Being supported in your learning?

Being taught be experts?

THEN AN RS GCSE IS FOR YOU

•Skills you will develop

•Development of literacy by creating reasoned and supported answers

•Listening

•Being open minded

•Weighing up arguments

•Expressing ideas

•Considering views you haven't thought about before

•GCSE RS allows you to explore topics and current issues that relate to the moral, cultural and religious climate of our world. It gives you a chance to question moral and ethics beliefs and formulate your own points of view. It establishes knowledge of other faiths and beliefs, different from your own, so you aware of the views of others in the society you live. By having a greater understanding of ethical topics, religious views and non religious views you have the knowledge needed to understand our diverse world.

Course Overview



Specification Edexcel B

Paper 1 Religion and Ethics - Christianity

- 1) Christian Beliefs
- 2) Marriage and the Family
- 3) Living the Christian Life
- 4) Matters of Life and Death

Paper 2 Religion, Peace and Conflict – Islam

- 1) Muslim Beliefs
- 2) Crime and Punishment
- 3) Living the Muslim Life
- 4) Peace and Conflict

Is Capital Punishment
right?

When does human life
begin?

Is it ever right to go to
war?



Assessment

The GCSE is 100% exam based.

There are two exam papers Christianity and Islam.

Each paper has four sections.

Each paper has four styles of exam questions (four per section) which makes developing exam technique easier.

Where do Muslim and Christian beliefs come from?

Is euthanasia and abortion morally right?

Should weapons of mass destruction be illegal?

What do our students say about GCSE RS?



My teacher is really enthusiastic and I like the way she teaches the lessons, its always interesting

We have time to discuss our opinions and we look at interesting topics

If I am stuck my teacher help me and I like the clips we watch

I am an atheist but like the fact I can question and understand beliefs different to mine

The exam structure is straightforward and we learn how to do it a lot

Frequently Asked Questions



Do have to be religious or believe in God?

Not at all. The GCSE is about understanding other faiths and beliefs not believing them so if you are curious about why people believe and what they believe you will like the subject. Also half of the units are ethically based (war, death penalty, euthanasia, marriage, abortion) which are topics you wont explore in any other subject and will challenge you to have an opinion. If you like these deeper questions and topic you will like this GCSE and you will see it is not about being religious but being informed.

What are your the results like?

We have had great success over the years teaching a full GCSE in an hour slot after school. Now we have a full GCSE group in the timetable with three hours a week so our results should go from strength to strength

Grade 9-4 2019-94% 2000-93%

Grade 9-7 2019-68% 2000-80%

What is it useful for?

A RS GCSE show employers your awareness of diversity, that you are a problem solver that can think and write clearly and logically and that you have a high level of literacy due to the nature of the exam. Jobs in the police, law, education, medicine and any role that deal with people see this subject as highly valuable

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**For more information please speak to your Year 9 teacher
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