



Key Stage 4 Core Curriculum and Option Subjects

Religious Studies

All students will follow the OCR GCSE specification. They will begin the course in Year 9 and will study the beliefs of various religions throughout the three year course. The content is both interesting and engaging, being taught by enthusiastic specialist teachers.

Religious Studies is a literacy based subject which helps to develop a student's written and verbal communication skills. Religious Studies challenges and equips Students to lead constructive lives in the modern world. Opportunities will arise for educational visits and external presentations which will enhance the learning experiences.

OCR Religious Studies GCSE

This is a full GCSE qualification accredited by OCR where students will learn how to apply their literacy skills to develop their ideas for essay based questions. Students will evaluate and reflect on their work and that of their peers throughout the course allowing them to improve and reach their full potential. Communication skills are paramount in the learning as is ability to develop personal opinions with justification and evidence. This course will also help prepare students for the future.



Course Content

Islam 1 – B577

- Core Beliefs
- Special Days and Pilgrimage
- Major Divisions and Interpretations

Islam 2 – B578

- Places and Forms of Worship
- Religion in the Faith Community and Family
- Sacred Writing

Perspectives on World Religions (Christianity) – B589

- Responsibility for the Planet
- War, Peace and Human Rights
- Prejudice and Equality

Ethics (Christianity) – B603

- Religion and Human Relationships
- Religion and Medical Ethics
- Religion, Poverty and Wealth

Assessment

Assessment is 100% examination based at the end of the course of study. Students will sit 4 one hour examinations, covering the units studied above.

Progression

The course offers excellent progression to A level courses. Studying religious studies can lead to careers in law, teaching, social work, counselling, nursing, administrator, journalist, librarian, minister of religion, youth and community worker and many more.