Religious Studies (GCSE)

Information from the exam board can be found here.

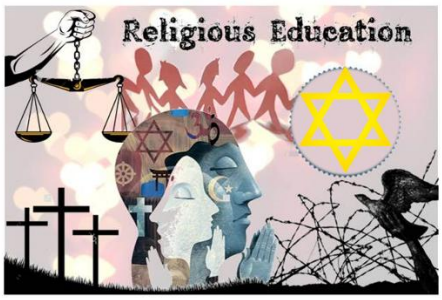
Grades awarded: 9 – 1

Why study this subject?

Religious Studies will challenge you with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling you to develop your 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.

What will I study in this course?

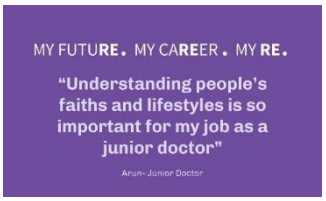
- Christianity: Beliefs and Practices
- Judaism: Beliefs and Practices
- Ethical issues: Relationships and Families
- Ethical issues: Religion and Life
- Ethical issues: Religion, Peace and Conflict
- Ethical issues: Religion, Crime and Punishment



How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed fully by two examination papers at the end of Year 11:

- Paper 1: Beliefs and Practices (Christianity & Judaism) (1 hour 45 mins)
- Paper 2: Thematic Studies (Ethical Issues, as above) (1 hour 45 mins)



What will this qualification lead to?

Religious studies enables you to develop skills that are transferrable to almost any career as well as further study at university.

Following the study of GCSE Religious Studies, students may continue their studies in A level Religious Studies. This may lead to careers in law; education; social work; politics, medicine; administration; media; police; immigration officer; civil servant.

How is the course structured?

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	Part One: The Study of Religions Nature of God & Worship Judaism & Christianity	Part One: The Study of Religions People of God Judaism & Christianity Beliefs and Practices	Part Two: Thematic Studies Religion, peace, and conflict (Theme D) Part 1- Religion, violence, terrorism, and war.
Year 10	Part One: The Study of Religions Christianity Beliefs and Practices Jesus	Part One: The Study of Religions Life after death & Morality Judaism & Christianity Beliefs and Practices	Part Two: Thematic Studies Relationships (Theme A) Part 1- Sex, marriage, and divorce Part 2- Families and gender
Year 11	Part Two: Thematic Studies Religion and Life (Theme B)	Part Two: Thematic Studies Religion, crime, and punishment (Theme E) Part 1- Religion, crime, and the causes of crime Part 2- Religion and punishment	Revision & Examinations

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