

# Religious Studies (GCSE)

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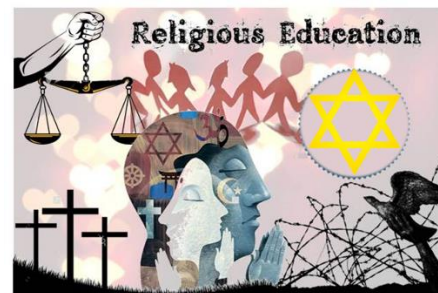
Grades awarded: 9 – 1

## 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 allows 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	Philosophy & Ethics Big Debate [part of Key Stage 3 curriculum; does not form part of GCSE RE]  Religion, crime and punishment	Judaism Practices Part 1- The synagogue and worship Part 2- Family life and festivals	Religion and Life Part 1- The origins and value of the universe Part 2- The origins and value of human life
Year 10	Christianity Beliefs and teachings Part 1- Key beliefs Part 2- Jesus Christ and Salvation	Relationships Part 1- Sex, marriage and divorce Part 2- Families and gender equality	Religion, peace and conflict Part 1- Religion, terrorism and war. Part 2- Religion and belief in 21 <sup>st</sup> century conflict
Year 11	Judaism Beliefs and teachings Part 1- Key beliefs Part 2- The Covenant and the mitzvot	Christian Practices Part 1- Worship and Festivals Part 2- The role of the church in the local and worldwide community	Revision & Examinations

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