



Overview

GCSE Religious Studies provides the opportunity to study a truly fascinating subject: it will help you to debate big moral issues, understand and analyse a diverse range of opinions, as well as to think for yourself about the meaning of life.

We hope you enjoy your study of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics. Remember, Religious studies is not about making you religious, it is about enabling you to become a responsible citizen of a multi-ethnic and multi-faith society free from the ignorance which causes prejudice, hatred and violence.

We wish you the best of luck with your studies.

Assessment

Paper 1: Catholic Christianity - 50%

This consists of the study of the Catholic faith in four sections:-

Section 1: Beliefs and Teachings

Section 2: Practices

Section 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority

Section 4: Forms of Expression and Ways of Life

Paper 2: Judaism - 25%

This is the study of the Jewish faith in two sections:-

Section 7: Beliefs and Teachings

Section 8: Practices

Paper 3: Philosophy and Ethics - 25%

This is the study of why people believe in God as well as family and other relationships:-

Section 9: Arguments for the Existence of God

Section 10: Religious Teachings on Relationships and Families in the 21st Century

Progression Pathways

After completing their Religious Studies GCSE, pupils can continue their studies through an A-level in Philosophy and Ethics.

Careers

Knowledge of other cultures and world religious beliefs can be useful in many jobs where you are working with the public or communities. These include counselling and social services, marketing, sales and advertising, catering and hospitality, leisure, sport and tourism, retail sales and customer services, education and training, medicine and nursing, and service sector roles