

Religious Studies

This course is split into 3 sections which is also how it is examined.

Paper 1 - Philosophy of religions. In this unit you learn about and debate the various arguments over the existence of God including the design argument, cosmological, ontological, religious language and evil and suffering.

Paper 2 - Religion and ethics. In this unit you explore the issues around morality and religion- essentially what is the right or wrong decision and what do you base this on. This includes looking at specific ethical topics such as the environment, equality, war and sexual ethics. Ethical theories such as utilitarianism, situation ethics and natural moral law, and ethical language, deontological ethics and medical ethics are also evaluated.

Paper 3 - Study of a religion - Christianity. In this unit you have an in-depth look at Christianity, both what they believe but also how they worship and show this belief. This is through looking at religious beliefs, values and teachings- Sources of wisdom and authority (the Bible and Church authority)- Practices that shape and express religious identity- Social and historical developments- Religion and society.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed through 100% exam. This will consist of 3 papers at the end of your 2-year course. Each paper is 2 hours long and is marked out of 80 marks, each paper is weighted the same.

- Paper 1: Philosophy of religion.
- Paper 2: Religion and ethics
- Paper 3: A study of religion- Christianity.

Each paper is structured as follows:

- Section A: 8 mark and 12-mark questions.
- Section B: 10 mark and 20-mark question based on a passage from a scholar.
- Section C: 30-mark essay question.

HOW WILL I BE TAUGHT?

Through a variety of teaching techniques which include formal teaching, debate and discussion, group work and independent research tasks both in lessons and for homework. Course textbooks, anthology and other support material will be used in lessons.

WHY STUDY IT?

An A Level in Religious Studies gives you many opportunities within further study and careers. Due to the understanding you learn of others around you it can be very useful in teaching, social work, charity work or a civil servant role. It is also a useful A Level when looking at careers in law, medicine and journalism. It works well with other humanities subjects but also science subjects.

A Level

Board: Edexcel

2 Year Course

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Our entrance requirements are 6 GCSE/ BTEC passes at Grade 4 (or equivalent) or above. It is also desirable for students to achieve a Grade 5 or above in the subject (or related subjects) that they wish to study at Sixth Form.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT

It is essential that you discuss your subject choices fully with teachers and parents.

The subject page is available to view below.



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