

Religious Studies

Qualification: GCSE (short course)

Exam Board: Edexcel

Introduction

Whether we are religious or not, it is clear religion plays a key role in world events and has shaped the world in which we all live. In this course, students will explore a number of issues and questions around religion and morality, study religious and non-religious responses to these and develop their own views.

Course content

There are 5 units:

- Believing in God – exploring why people do and do not believe in God
- Matters of Life and Death – arguments about the existence of life after death and religious beliefs about it; arguments about abortion and euthanasia and religious viewpoints on these
- Marriage and Family Life – changing social attitudes to eg marriage and divorce, sex outside marriage and the family; religious attitudes to these
- Social Harmony – prejudice and discrimination, the role of women and religious attitudes to these issues; attitudes of religions towards each other; issues arising in a multi-faith society
- Religion and the Media – how religion is portrayed in TV programmes, soap opera and film.

Assessment

100% exam. There is one 2 hour paper at the end of Year 11. There are no tiers so all students sit the same paper leading to the award of the full range of grades, A* - G.

Why study Religious Studies?

Opportunities for further study and career pathways:

Students with GCSE RS have a solid foundation for A Levels in RS, Philosophy and Sociology with further links to History, Psychology, Law and English & Media Studies.

RS develops many valuable, transferable employment skills such as the ability to communicate, analyse and evaluate and present a case. A knowledge of religion is also useful in any career which involves working with people in our multi-cultural society or requires a knowledge of the world. These include caring professions such as medicine; teaching; social work; journalism, the law.

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