

Religious Studies

Qualifications & Pathways



Course Title	Religious Studies
Exam Board	Edexcel
GCSE Equivalent	1 x GCSE
Assessment Breakdown	100% examination. 2 exams one looking at Religion and Life (Islam) and the other looking at Religion and Society (Christianity and Islam) both taken in Year 11.
Course Outline	<p>The course is not about being religious it is about knowing what you think, and being aware of what others think. It helps you to develop your own opinions and be able to explain those opinions, you will develop communication skills, listening skills and you'll be able to compare your beliefs with other people's beliefs in a respectful way.</p> <p>There are two parts to the course.</p> <p>Religion and Life based on a study of Islam. Topics include:</p> <p>Believing in God – looks at why some people believe in God and others don't and the evidence they use to back up their points of view.</p> <p>Life and death – considering beliefs, both religious and non-religious, on what happens to us when we die.</p> <p>Marriage and family – looking at the importance of marriage and family life to religious people and some of the issues that people face.</p> <p>Community cohesion – diversity and living in a community with lots of different religions and cultures.</p> <p>Religion and Society based on Christianity and Islam. Topics include:</p> <p>Rights and responsibilities – identifying our role in society and the affect religion has on people's views.</p> <p>Environment and medical issues – investigating religious views on our environment and on medical procedures.</p> <p>Peace and conflict – considering opinions on war, forgiveness and bullying.</p> <p>Crime and punishment – looking at the law and punishments given for crimes. Debating issues such as capital punishment.</p>
Progression Routes to Further Education/ Training	Progress to A-level study or will complement study for law, health and social care, public services. The possibilities are endless.
Progression Routes to Employment	Religious Studies is an ideal qualification to take if you are interested in youth work, social work, public services, law, etc.