

Religious Studies



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
GCSE	AQA	A (8062)

Course Overview



Religious Studies will encourage pupils to develop knowledge, understanding and skills to engage and discuss about life in modern society. This includes developing an understanding of non-religious beliefs.

Pupils will be encouraged to develop their personal values and beliefs, with an emphasis on critical analysis and the ability to construct balanced and informed arguments within the context of religious, philosophical and ethical awareness.

Notes

Topics Covered

Pupils will study two major world faiths alongside four ethical themes. These are split into two papers.

Paper 1 Study of Religions:

Beliefs, Teachings and Practices: Christianity and Islam.

Paper 2 Thematic Studies: Relationships and Families, Religion and Life, Religion Peace and Conflict and Religion Crime and Punishment.

Assessment

The course is examined through 100% exam. Pupils will sit two papers of 1 hour and 45 minutes each.

Both papers will examine skills of knowledge and understanding and skills of evaluation.

Course Progression

The ability to write well informed arguments, apply knowledge in order to analyse questions and reflect and develop their values, beliefs and attitudes of self and others can be applied to numerous subjects. 'A' Levels in including Philosophy, Ethics, Law, Sociology, Government and Politics, English and History are a few options.

Other qualifications that pupils would find a qualification in Religious Studies useful are; BTEC diplomas such as Health and Social Care, Hospitality, Media Studies, Public Services or Travel and Tourism.

Career Opportunities

Religious Studies provides a solid foundation for many careers; Archivist, Barrister, Counsellor, Civil Service Administrative Officer, Civil Service Executive Officer, International Aid/Development, Journalist, Lecturer, Local Government Officer, Marketing Executive, Mediator, Paralegal, Police Officer, Public Relations Officer, Recruitment Consultant, Solicitor, Teacher, Youth Worker.

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