



Religious Studies

“One cannot step in the same classroom twice”



Exam Board:



Components:

Component 1:

Christianity

Religious figures and sacred texts; religious concepts and religious life; significant social and historical developments in religious thought; religious practices and religious identity

Component 2:

Philosophy of Religion

Arguments for the existence of God; challenges to religious belief; religious experience; religious language

Component 3:

Religion and Ethics

ethical thought; deontological ethics; teleological ethics; determinism and free will.

Assessment:

All components are assessed through a 2 hour written examination.

Each exam is weighted as 33⅓% of the overall qualification.

Summary

Religious Studies is a demanding academic subject, designed to enable learners to develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, a study of religion and its place in the wider world.

Religious Studies is a multi-disciplinary subject, comprised of Christian Theology, philosophy of religion and religion and ethics.

Through the A Level course, students will have the opportunity to:

- develop their interest in a rigorous study of religion and belief and relate it to the wider world
- develop knowledge and understanding appropriate to a specialist study of religion
- develop an understanding and appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies
- adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion
- reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study

Looking Ahead

Universities and employers look favourably on Religious Studies, thanks to its demanding and academic nature. Students of Religious Studies have gone on to study Law, Medicine and Philosophy at university.

For others, Religious Studies has taken them into careers, such as Human Resources, journalism and the Police Force. Religious Studies students also go on to become teachers, youth workers and community workers.

Link Subjects

Religious Studies compliments a wide range of subjects including Psychology, Sociology, English Literature, History, Geography and the Sciences

Key Skills Developed

Critical thinking
Literacy
Communication
Analytical skills

Student View:

“RS opens your mind to the complexities of the universe, making moral decisions and Christianity. It is engaging and gives you the opportunity to debate controversial topics.”

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