

Religious Studies

GCSE Qualification - AQA

Course Leader: Ms Childs

Successful learner profile

- Has an interest in people and how they behave
- Has an interest in learning about other cultures
- Has the ability to see an issue from several perspectives
- Has the ability to work independently
- Has the confidence and sensitivity to debate controversial issues

Why choose this course?

Every person has a worldview; some are shaped by religion, most are shaped by the culture in which they exist. Regardless of how these worldviews are formed, they impact the way in which we approach every aspect of life- it can both help and hinder us. Religious Studies looks at different worldviews- both religious and non-religious- and how they influence the beliefs and practices of humans across the world.

What will you study?

Students' study will primarily focus on the two largest world religious worldviews: Christianity and Islam. Students will also study a range of non-religious worldviews as well as evaluating their own.

During the course of the GCSE, students will study:

- Beliefs and Practices of both Christianity and Islam.
- Contemporary Themes:
 - Relationships and Families: contraception, gender equality, homosexuality, marriage, and divorce.
 - Religion and life: euthanasia, abortion, and animal rights.
 - Religion, Crime and Punishment: reasons why people commit crimes; how and why criminals are punished.
 - Religion, human rights, and social justice: prejudice and discrimination; human rights; poverty and its impacts; charity.

How will you be assessed?

This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams at the end of the course. There is no coursework element to this course.

- Written exam Paper 1: Christianity and Islam: Belief and Practices - 1 hour 45 mins - 50% of GCSE.
- Written exam Paper 2: Contemporary Themes - 1 hour 45 mins - 50% of GCSE.

Possible progression post 16

You will have a greater skill set to enable you to progress to academic, people-focused subjects.

Weblinks

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