

GCSE Religious Studies Head of Faculty: Miss Ahmed

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Why study GCSE Religious Studies?

Results for the previous cohorts have been excellent. Students studying this subject have also enjoyed having the time and opportunity to develop informed ideas and opinions of their own.

What does the course involve?

Component 1

A study of the Beliefs, Teaching and Practices of **two** of the six major faiths of the UK. These will be **Christianity** and **Buddhism**.

Component 2

Four religious, philosophical and ethical studies themes:

- Theme A: Relationships and families.
- Theme B: Religion and life.
- Theme C: The existence of God and revelation.
- Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict.
- Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment.
- Theme F: Religion, human rights and social justice.

How will I be assessed?

Throughout the course there will be regular assessments, leading to the two exams, one on each of the two components each lasting 1 hr and 45 mins

What are my progression routes?

The skills acquired in this subject are highly transferable. Natural progression routes are to A level RS, Philosophy, Law, Sociology, Psychology, Politics and History. An understanding of faith can be helpful in any career which deals with people and their lives, such as Teaching, Law, Social Work or any of the Caring Professions.