



## **GCSE Religious Studies**

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### **Why study GCSE Religious Studies?**

Studying religion helps children to understand both themselves and the world around them. Having a thorough knowledge of what makes people different, but what connects them too, moves us past tolerance and into acceptance. If children are brought up to learn acceptance, the positive effects will be far-reaching.

Studying religious studies exposes differences in worldviews so that students might understand wider beliefs and practices of a wide variety of cultures around the world. Different religious groups imagine the world differently, and that affects how they respond to contemporary concerns.

Religious Studies is centred on learning from and about religion. We equip students with the skills to debate, explain, empathise, evaluate and make moral decisions.

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?**

- AQA two year course for Grade 9-1 exams. A full GCSE

#### **Year 10: Religious Studies A Christianity:**

##### **Topics:**

1. Beliefs and teachings
2. Practices
3. Religion & Life
4. Religion, Peace & Conflict

#### **Year 11: Religious Studies A Islam:**

##### **Topics:**

1. Beliefs and teachings
2. Practices
3. Religion, crime & punishment
4. Religion, human rights & 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.