

GCSE Religious Studies

Students will be challenged with questions about beliefs, values, meaning, purpose, and truth, enabling them to develop attitudes toward religious issues. They will also learn how religion, philosophy, and ethics form the basis of our culture. They will develop analytical and critical thinking skills, the ability to work with abstract ideas, research skills, and leadership skills. All these skills will help prepare them for further study.



What skills can you expect to develop?

- Problem-solving, analytical, and strategic thinking abilities
- Research skills coupled with critical judgment
- Proficiency in working with abstract and conceptual ideas
- Capability to empathise with different perspectives & negotiate conflict resolution
- Insight into the effects of conflicting ideologies
- A deep appreciation for human diversity, belief systems and spiritual experiences.

These skills are particularly useful for future careers in law, education, social work, politics, medicine, administration or the media. Many of these careers actively seek people with a philosophy and/or religious studies background as they can make ethical decisions.

What will you study?

You will have the chance to delve into a broad range of topics, exploring issues of morality and questions of meaning, lifestyle, & choices, all from philosophical & religious perspectives.

How will you be assessed?

Paper 1: The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices

Two from the following religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Catholicism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, and Christianity

Paper 2: Thematic studies Either

- Four themes of religious, philosophical, and ethical studies are discussed: relationships and families, religion and life, the existence of God and revelation, religion, peace and conflict, crime and punishment, and human rights and social justice. or
- Two religious, philosophical and ethical studies and two textual studies themes

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Questions matter

