

Religious Studies

- Religion • Ethics • Beliefs • Peace • Conflict • Morality
- Awareness • Question • Discuss • Explore • Debate

This course will look at different ethical issues and religious beliefs relevant to our world today. Each of the ethical issues are studied from a religious and non-religious perspective.

There are two papers, each one hour and 45 minutes long.

Paper 1 – Religion & Ethics

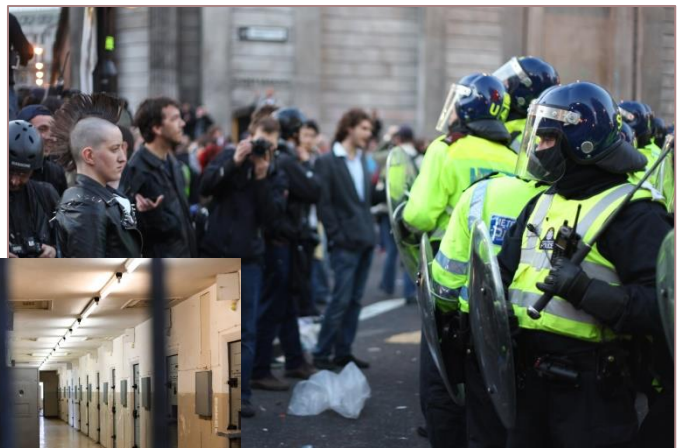
Including the study of issues such as:

Marriage and the Family (such as divorce, marriage, cohabitation, contraception and homosexuality)

Living a Religious Life

Key beliefs in Christianity

Matters of Life and Death (such as abortion, euthanasia and life after death).



Paper 2 – Religion, Peace & Conflict

Including the study of issues such as:

Key beliefs in Islam

Crime and Punishment (issues include punishment, justice, treatment of criminals and capital punishment)

Living the Religious Life

Peace and Conflict (issues include recent conflicts, Just war, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Peacekeeping, Holy War).



Why take Religious Studies GCSE?

- Many employers (especially the police, armed forces and caring professions) regard Religious Studies GCSE as a good qualification. It involves a lot of thinking and discussion and shows that you are aware of other people's beliefs and the nature of the society in which you live.
- It helps you think through some of the big issues of life which adults argue about all the time!
- It helps to remove the ignorance that causes prejudice, hatred and violence. (Many wars are caused through misunderstandings about religion).
- Religious Studies protects you from indoctrination. It gives you the opportunity to explore religious and moral beliefs in a safe and questioning environment so that you can become sure of your own beliefs and explain them clearly to others.
- It is another GCSE qualification for you and a highly regarded one when applying for further / higher education and jobs.
- **Consistently good results within the department. The majority of students achieve the top grades.**

Religious Studies is not about making you 'religious'...

It is about enabling you to think for yourself about religious, moral and ethical issues.