



Course Requirements

Sixth Form Entry Requirement plus
 GCSE RE - Grade 5 (if studied) and
 GCSE English Language or GCSE
 English Literature – Grade 5
 Students are not required to have
 taken GCSE RE in order to take this
 course.

Syllabus AQA

Who to Contact

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 Course Leader

Overview

Religious Studies is an exciting and interesting subject that investigates 'The Big Questions' in life and considers what religious beliefs have to offer modern society. It is more than just learning about religion, it requires you to consider your own and others viewpoints about topical issues relating to human behaviour and experiences and offers an opportunity to consider topics that will challenge you both academically and personally.

Students who take Religious Studies for A-level enjoy debating ideas and thinking more deeply and critically about concepts that are central to human life. The course also provides students with a number of transferable skills which are highly valued by employers and Universities. It is particularly valuable for students who wish to pursue careers in medicine, law, teaching, nursing, business and politics.

Structure

All students study:

Year 12 Christianity and Philosophy

- Religious Experience – Are they genuine or can science disprove them?
- Arguments for the Existence of God – Does the Universe prove God exists?
- Miracles – Do miracles really happen or can science offer an explanation for them?
- The Problem of Evil – How can an all-loving God allow evil and suffering?
- Religious Language – What do we mean by terms such as 'truth'?
- Death and the Afterlife – What is the soul? What happens when we die?

Year 12 cont. Christianity and Ethics

- Situation Ethics – what does it mean to do the most loving thing?
- Natural Moral Law – do humans naturally know right from wrong?
- Ethical Theories – Virtue Ethics – What does it mean to be a good person?
- Applying the ethical theories to decisions about capital punishment, theft, euthanasia and embryo research.

Year 13 Christianity and Ethics

- Free will and Conscience – how much are your day-to-day choices determined by external factors?
- Bentham and Kant.

Year 13 Study of Religion (Christianity)

- Expression of Religious Identity
- Christianity and Science
- Christianity and the challenge of secularisation
- Christianity and Gender and sexuality
- Christianity, migration and religious pluralism.

Year 13 Study of Christianity and Dialogues

- The dialogue between Christianity and philosophy
- The dialogue between Christianity and ethics.

Assessment is by two exams. There is no coursework in this subject.