

Edexcel A Level Religious Studies

Why study Religious Studies?

Studying Religious Studies offers an opportunity to learn about different religions, ensuring students have a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints. Students gain critical and evaluative skills sought by higher education and employers – particularly in law, education, social work, politics, medicine, administration and the media. Religious studies is a thought provoking subject and our contemporary themes will help you inspire engaging classroom discussion.

What are the entry requirements?

Grade 6 in Religious Studies and English Language/ Literature.

What will I study?

This specification is split into 3 units of study: Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics and Sikhism. Each unit of study provides students with the opportunity to develop their ability to contextualise and analyse information concerning the ultimate reality of life. The students will broaden their knowledge of the different religious beliefs and world views that they study, demonstrating that they are able to adapt to different perspectives on the philosophical and ethical questions raised. The ability to create extended essay answers, listen, present and reflect on personal beliefs are a sample of the other skills that are developed through this specification. Most importantly the students will be able to gain an insight into the multicultural society in which we live, gaining an appreciation for the vast amount of varied opinions on ultimate questions.

You will enjoy this course if...

You have a keen interest in different views and beliefs, ethics and morals. This is an ideal area of study if you wish to pursue a career in social studies and/or developmental studies. This course is ideal for open minded people who are not afraid to debate and enquire whilst being open minded and respectful. This is a course that will compliment subjects such as Politics, Sociology, Psychology and History.

How will my work be assessed?

The qualification is linear. Students will sit their exams at the end of their A level course. You will have 3 papers in total.

Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion.

Examination paper: A mixture of short and long answer questions and extended response questions.
Total marks – 80. Duration: 2 hours. 33.33% of the total A level marks.

Paper 2: Ethics.

Examination paper: A mixture of short and long answer questions and extended response questions.
Total marks – 80. Duration: 2 hours. 33.33% of the total A level marks.

Paper 4: Sikhism.

Examination paper: A mixture of long and short answer questions and extended response questions.
Total marks – 80. Duration: 2 hours. 33.33% of the total A level marks.