

GCSE Philosophy and Ethics

(Religious Studies)

Religious Studies gives students the opportunity to learn and respect the views of others. Students will also acquire a deeper knowledge and understanding of Christianity, the main religious tradition of Great Britain, and Islam, the world's second largest religion. By exploring moral and ethical issues that people face in life, they form their own opinions and learn to explain them in a mature and coherent manner. Students also discuss ultimate questions, develop their debating skills and enhance their ability to question complex issues. The ability to analyse and evaluate material and apply these to real life situations and issues is embedded throughout the course.

Programme of Study and Assessment (AQA Route A)

During this GCSE a variety of moral, ethical and philosophical issues are studied that relate to the modern world with a focus on current events. Students learn about controversial issues such as Racism, War, Poverty, Euthanasia, Homosexuality and the Death Penalty which encourages students to form their own opinion while considering others'.

Two external examination papers at the end of the course

Component 1 (50%): Religious, Philosophical & Ethical Studies in the Modern World

Theme 1: Relationships and Families

Theme 2: Life and Death

Theme 3: Crime and Punishment

Theme 4: Human Rights

Component 2 (25%): Study of Christianity

A study of the beliefs, teachings and practices of Christianity.

Component 3 (25%): Study of Islam

Study of the beliefs, teachings and practices of Islam.

Useful links

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