

GCSE Religious Studies

Career Pathways	Students can move on to study A Level Religious studies and into careers such as teaching; advice worker; archivist; charity fundraiser; counsellor; civil service administrator; community development worker; editorial assistant; newspaper journalist; police officer; youth worker; chaplain.
Examination Board	AQA (Specification A)
Is this the right subject for me?	<p>If you enjoy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions and debating different views. • Discovering about life in an ever changing ethical and moral world. • Exploring differing values and cultures as well as your own. • Working with others. • Looking at relevant and up to date case studies and films.
What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Philosophy and Ethics, you are encouraged to have an open mind and to voice your own opinions as long as you can say WHY! • It doesn't matter if you don't believe in God. It is about understanding the beliefs and values of our diverse community. You will live near, and work with, people of all faiths. • The skills and knowledge that you will develop through studying Philosophy and Ethics can help with a range of career options. • It is highly interesting – Many Hollywood movies are based on the concepts of philosophy and ethics, the Matrix for example. How do we know what is real? • Descartes said: "I think therefore I am" A Philosophy and Ethics course will get you thinking...According to Descartes.... If you're thinking, then you exist! Do you need another reason to take Philosophy and Ethics?!?!
What will I learn?	<p>If you opt to study this AQA course you will complete 2 elements:</p> <p>Unit 1: The study of religions: Beliefs, teachings and practices You will study the beliefs and practices of two of the world's major religions. We will study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhism • Christianity <p>This will be assessed in a 1 hour 45 minute exam at the end of year 11. Both religions will be assessed in the same exam where there are some simple knowledge questions and some that require further explanation and justification.</p> <p>Unit 2: Thematic studies You must study all four sections below, considering how different religions and schools of thought would respond to them: Relationships and families (issues like contraception, marriage, equality) Religion and life (considering the origin of life, abortion, euthanasia) Peace and conflict (studying attitudes to war, violence and terrorism) Crime and punishment (learning about things like punishment, forgiveness etc.)</p> <p>This will be assessed in a 1 hour 45-minute exam at the end of year 11, where all four sections will be on the same paper.</p>