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GCSE Religious Studies A

Awarding body: AQA

Course Overview

Religious Studies is an enriching, though-provoking and academically demanding subject. You will gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture, and will develop your skills of analysis, evaluation and argument.



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Expectations

You will need to work diligently to cover all the course content.

You will need to complete homework tasks every week.

You will need to keep up to date on what is going on around the world.

You will need to be resilient when topics are tough.

You need to be willing to be open minded.

You need to understand that Religious Studies is not an easy option but with hard work is open to all students.



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Assessment & exams

Religious Studies is 100% terminal exams.
You will sit 2 exam papers in the summer of 2025.



PAPER 1

The study of religions: beliefs,
teachings and practices
Worth 50%

PAPER 2

Thematic Studies
Worth 50%

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Who it would suit?

Anyone who is interested in the world around them.



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Why you would take it?

Religious Studies opens doors to many different careers path.

Employers like both moral and ethical knowledge but also the technical and social skills you learn throughout the course.

Jobs where Religious Studies would be useful:

Teaching, Social Work, Psychology, Law, Politics, Charity Work, Fundraising, Local Government, Human Resources, Journalism, Health Care, Public Relations, Counselling, Community Work, Broadcasting, Advisory Services, Civil Service, and Youth Worker to name a few.



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