

What Will I Be Studying?

The course is divided into the in-depth study of two religions: Islam and Christianity. Students will study what these two religions believe and how these beliefs can be applied to ethical issues such as war, the treatment of prisoners, abortion and euthanasia. The students will be expected to have detailed knowledge of the key beliefs and where these have developed from. They will also be expected to know how to apply the teachings of religion to contemporary ethical dilemmas.

How Will I Be Assessed?

The GCSE is linear and all students will complete two exams each worth 50% of their final mark at the end of the two years of study. The examination papers are both 1 hour and 45 minutes long.

Paper One- Religion and Ethics through Islam

Paper Two- Religion, Peace and Conflict through Christianity

Who Would Enjoy This Course?

- Students who have an interest in discussing and exploring issues pertaining to morality and ethics
- Students who enjoy debating controversial issues
- Students who can be critical of their own opinions and how these impact on their daily lives
- Students who can communicate well both verbally and in writing

How Will This Course Help Me In The Future?

Religious Studies has a key role to play in developing a wide range of skills valued at higher education and in the workplace. It teaches students to think critically and explain complex ideas, theories and beliefs. It also develops their ability to understand how and why people make the decisions that they do.

As RS is a written subject, it helps students improve their literacy, spelling, punctuation and grammar. Students learn to accept the viewpoints of others and challenge them in an articulate manner and to recognise that a diversity of opinions is a positive thing in modern Britain and the wider world.