

### What is Religious Studies A Level?

Religious Studies is the study of the different faiths and beliefs that make up our world. In religious studies A Level you will learn about the philosophy of religion and how religion has responded to key relevant ethical questions. You will also learn about different religions in depth before applying these teachings to the philosophical and ethical issues studied previously.

Two periods of history in depth with one focusing on British history and the other focusing on world history. You will also have the opportunity to complete your own independent study of a period over 100 years which interests you. The study of history will not only inform you of past events but also help you understand why the world has developed in the way it has.

If you enjoyed the study of religious philosophy and ethics at GCSE level, enjoy discussing current affairs and issues, would like to know more about the world and want to develop skills that can be used beyond the study of religion then religious studies would be a great A Level choice for you.

### WHAT WILL I LEARN?

#### What content will I cover?

Paper	Topics	Weighting	When?
1	✓ Philosophy of religion and ethics	50% of A-level	Year 13
2	✓ Study of religion and dialogues	50% of A-level	Year 13

#### How will I be assessed?

You will take both A Level examinations at the end of Year 13. Both examinations are worth 50% and both take 3 hours to complete.

### What skills will I develop?

- ✓ Knowledge and understanding of religion, belief, philosophical/ethical thought and teaching, similarities/differences between religions.
- ✓ The ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate approaches to religion and belief, including influence and significance.

### WHERE CAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES A LEVEL TAKE ME?

With Religious Studies A Level you could go on to study a wide range of degrees, in particular politics, history, law, sociology, philosophy, ethics, religion and theology, medicine, education and media. This A Level is also highly regarded by employers within these industries.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO ACHIEVE?

No previous study of religious education is required but you must meet the general academic requirements for admission.

### RECOMMENDED READING:

AQA A Level Religious Studies  
- John Frye



### HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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