

Religious Studies

What will I learn?

Component 1:

Religious, philosophical and ethical studies in the modern world. Candidates will study the following four themes.

- Theme 1: Issues of relationships.
- Theme 2: Issues of life and death.
- Theme 3: Issues of good and evil.
- Theme 4: Issues of human rights.

Component 2:

Study of Christianity.

- Candidates will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of Christianity.

Component 3:

Study of a world faith.

- Candidates will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of Judaism.

What skills do I need?

You will need to be:

- Enthusiastic and be prepared to work hard.
- Able to think about different topics, beliefs or issues in order to develop your own opinion on them.
- Respectful towards other people's ideas, beliefs and opinions.
- Able to listen to the opinions and ideas of others and use them to help form your own opinion.
- Able to not only put across your own opinion in an argument but also use and consider that of the opposition.
- Able to evaluate different ideas, beliefs and opinions.
- You must be prepared to work hard at school and at home on the all aspects of the course.

Assessment

Examination

- Component 1: Religious, philosophical and ethical studies in the modern world | 2 hours | 50%
- Component 2: Study of Christianity | 1 hour | 25%
- Component 3: Study of a world faith | 1 hour | 25%

Could lead to:

Religious studies takes a distinctive issues based approach to the study of religious, philosophical and ethical studies in the modern world. The course will also enable learners to gain knowledge and understanding of two religions. Following up from this a student may go on to study A-level religious studies but a GCSE in religious studies is equally complementary to the study of history, sociology, psychology, law and politics.