

# Religious Studies

## Level 3: AS / A2

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### INTRODUCTION:

Our aim is to help the students develop a range a of skills including the ability to think religious, philosophical and ethical issues through in a rational manner, to draw logical conclusions from the results of their research and to be able to communicate effectively through a variety of mediums. We aim to help our students enhance their research skills, their ability to justify their views, consider the implications of the theories they study and produce an well rounded learner who has the ability to think for themselves.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS / SUITABILITY:

5 GCSEs at A\*-C or Grades 5 - 8. Grade B / A or above in Religious Education and a Grade 6 or above in English.

Students need good communication skills both verbally and through written essays. The course suits those with a passion for asking vital questions about the existence of all things and a healthy sense of curiosity. Students will be expected to analyse philosophical and ethical matters in groups and on their own.

### CONTENT:

**Year 12 Philosophy:** Cosmological Argument; Teleological Argument; Ontological Argument; Problem of Evil; Religious Experience

**Year 12 Ethics:** Divine Command Theory; Virtue Ethics; Natural Law; Situation Ethics; Utilitarianism

**Year 12 Christianity:** Jesus' Birth & Resurrection; Bible; Nature of God; Atonement; Religious Life

**Year 13 Philosophy:** Religious Language; Religion and Psychology; Atheism

**Year 13 Ethics:** Meta-Ethics; Freewill and Determinism; Natural Law; Proportionalism

**Year 13 Christianity:** Attitudes to Wealth, Migration & Equality; Religion & Society; Religion & Science; Ecumenism, Liberation Theology

### ASSESSMENT:

Year 13 Unit 1: Study of Religion: Christianity  
External written exam (weighting: 33.3%)

Length of exam: 120 mins

Year 13 Unit 2: Philosophy of Religion  
External written exam (weighting: 33.3%)

Length of exam: 120 mins

Year 13 Unit 3: Religion and Ethics  
External written exam (weighting: 33.3%)

Length of exam: 120 mins

### LEADS TO:

Religious Studies is much sort after by universities be it that you study it as a lone subject or in combination with any other subject. A significant number of A2 students go on to study Theology or Philosophy at university.

Careers vary from the Banking sector and the Armed Forces to the more vocational careers such as Teaching, the Medical profession and Social work. Some students have been employed in the Environmental sector with this qualification.