

Fascinating and enlightening, A level Religious Studies will help you to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of world religions, philosophy and ethics, whilst also gaining many transferable skills along the way.

Does God really exist? Should euthanasia be legalised? Do we have a conscience? These are just some of the intriguing topics you will be studying in on this course. Through highly engaging lessons, you will explore the issues of meta-ethics and moral responsibility, examine the relationship between religion and science, gain a thorough understanding of the ancient philosophical influences on religions, and probe the challenges that secularism poses for Christianity.



A Level

56 UCAS points available

Student Profile

A successful student will need:

Grade 6 in GCSE English

An interest in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

The ability to write extended answers

Commitment to contributing positively to debates and discussions

A desire to understand more about moral and ethical issues that confront the world today

Course Content (OCR)

Philosophy and Religion 1 x 2 hour exam

In this unit we will be studying and comparing Philosophy and Religion. We will examine the relationship between the two and consider what each has to say about the big questions of life, such as, *Is there a God?*, and *What sort of God is God?*

Ethical issues 1 x 2 hour exam

In this unit we will consider a number of the big moral and ethical issues that confront us in our everyday lives. We will examine Religious responses to these issues, comparing them to Philosophical responses.

Christian Thought 1 x 2 hour exam

In our third unit we study the development of Christian thought and consider the relationship between religious ideas and society.

Skills Gained

Religious Studies is a very engaging subject that encourages you to be open, enquiring, well read, thoughtful and articulate as you deal with a range of challenging arguments. You will develop discussion and debating skills, sharing your own ideas in a thoughtful manner, whilst also respecting the views of others. You will develop skills of critical evaluation and analysis, which you will practice within these discussions and also in essay-writing. These are skills that will be valued by a wide variety of universities and employers.

The Future - What Next?

A Level Religious Studies can provide you with excellent transferable skills, which can be incredibly helpful in a range of university degrees involving critical thinking and discussion (e.g. Humanities, English, Psychology, PPE). Religious Studies, or a related subject at degree level can lead to a range of challenging and rewarding jobs, including counselling, law and justice, police work and youth work.



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