

GCSE Religious Studies is a full course GCSE qualification, requiring one option choice.

Course Outline

Are you interested in developing your skills in communication, working with others and problem solving? Then GCSE Religious Studies is the perfect subject for you. It will also give you skills in making decisions about moral problems, and help you to become sure about your own beliefs and explain them clearly to others. Wouldn't you love the opportunity to debate and express your opinion about the most important issues in our world?

This course explores the most important questions humankind has asked since the beginning of time and offers several explanations and the chance to question. The whole course focuses on our world, what it is like, how we respond to it and whether religious beliefs have something to offer to it in the 21st century.

The course has a very issues focused approach. It covers issues such as family life, punishment, crime, justice, terrorism, war, peace and the environment. If you want to develop your own views, express them and compare them to others then this course is perfect. It is also perfect for those of you who want to learn more about our world and appreciate what other people believe.

Throughout the course, you will develop an understanding of two religions as well as non-religious views. All of the questions and exams you will study will focus on religious and non-religious views about particular issues and events. For example;

- How should we respond to terrorist threats?
- Is it ever right to go to war?
- What does family mean?
- How can we respond positively to suffering?
- Is it wrong to experiment on animals?
- Is marriage out of date?
- What happens to us when we die?
- How important is human life? Is it sacred?
- Is there a life after death?
- Where did life come from?

This is a great course. It is great for thinking, expressing, developing and even broadening our worldview. It has plenty to offer you for the 21st century and I know many of you will have a lot to offer to it. Religious Studies (Philosophy, Religion & Ethics) also offers opportunities for:

- Debate and discussion
- Active research into relevant and up to the minute discoveries
- Investigation of human nature

Assessment

Assessment will be based on **two** examinations during the summer of Year 11.

Progression/further study

A-Level Philosophy and Ethics (see College prospectus, Redhill Academy 6th Form, or website for GCSE grade requirements). Religious Studies teaches skills that are very valuable for the study of many subjects at a higher level.