

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

The entry requirements for this course are Religious Studies GCSE grade 6 or above.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

The course is for anyone with an interest in the big questions in life such as 'What happens when we die?', 'Should we believe religious experiences?' and 'How do we make moral decisions?'. If you are interested in developing the skills of investigation, analysis, interpretation, evaluation, communication and debate then this course could be for you. The course encourages you to reflect on and develop your own values, opinions and attitudes.

WHERE WILL THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

There are many degree courses available which an A Level in Religious Studies would prepare you for. The skills that you learn in Religious Studies will be useful to you in any number of careers including teaching, youth work, journalism, civil service or government to name but a few. If you are thinking of a career in law or medicine then a Religious Studies A Level is looked upon favourably for undergraduate courses too.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During your studies you will complete three units the first is entitled 'Study of Religion: Christianity'. The other two are as follows

Religion and Ethics

- Normative ethical theories
- Application of ethical theories
- Introduction to meta ethics
- Free will and moral responsibility
- Conscience
- Bentham and Kant

Philosophy of Religion

- Arguments for the existence of God
- Evil and Suffering
- Religious experience
- Religious Language
- Miracles
- Self and life after death

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Two end of year 13 examinations. All questions require essay style answers.

