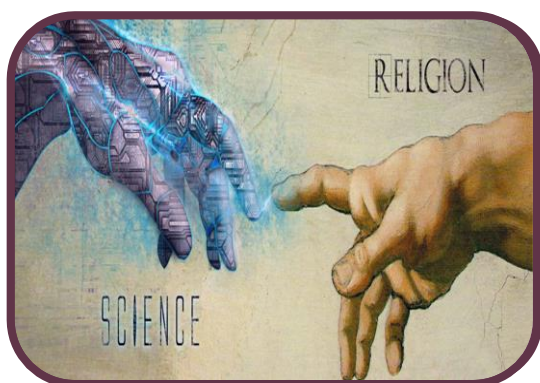


Religious Studies



Entry requirements: A minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE Religious Studies if studied

Examination Board: AQA

Grades awarded: A* - E

Assessment: Examination assessment 100%

Ever since humankind started to think, philosophy and religion have been fundamental parts of our development. As people look into the vastness of space or witness the miracle of birth, they contemplate the meaning of life and their own mortality. In the 21st century, philosophy, ethics and religion still addresses the same eternal human questions about life and death, values and relationships, right and wrong.

If you are interested in current affairs, people, different cultures and the debates about the meaning of life, then this could be the course for you. A level Religious Studies requires the study of Philosophy and Ethics in Year 12 and in-depth study of one world religion in Year 13, the beliefs and teachings of which are then applied to various philosophical concepts and ethical issues.

Key areas of study include: Life after death, arguments for the existence of God, the challenge from science, religious identity, free will and moral responsibility. Students will be challenged to consider how religion is influenced by, and influences a range of ethical issues

Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Section A: content such as, arguments for the existence of God, evil and suffering, miracles, religious language and death and the afterlife.

Section B: the application of natural moral law, situation and virtue ethics, issues of human and non-human life and death: abortion, euthanasia, designer babies, capital punishment, blood sports.

The introduction to meta-ethics and the meaning of right and wrong, free will and moral responsibility and conscience as a moral guide.

Paper 2: Study of Religion and Dialogues

The study of Christianity its religious beliefs, teachings, values and practices, ethical issues such as gender, sexuality, the challenge of evolution and the Big Bang Theory, challenges of secularism and the 'Dawkins Delusion,' migration and religious pluralism.

The dialogue between Christianity and philosophy and between Christianity and ethics.

Religious Studies combines well with English Language/Geography/History/Politics