



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Examination Board: AQA GCSE

GCSE Religious Studies

Course Description:

The course is made of two components.

Component One: The study of TWO religions with a focus on Beliefs and Teachings and Practices.

- Christianity
- Islam

Component Two: The study of FOUR themes from Philosophy and Ethics in the modern world. These themes are:

- Religion and relationships
- Religion and life
- Religion, peace and conflict
- Religion, crime and punishment

Assessment:

Exam 1: Beliefs, Teachings and Practices (worth 50% of the qualification).

Each of the two religions chosen is examined by TWO 5-part compulsory questions. The exam is 1 hour 45 mins – 96 marks (plus 6 marks for spelling, grammar and specialist terminology).

Exam 2: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical studies in the modern world (worth 50% of the qualification).

Each of the four themes chosen is examined by one five-part compulsory question. Four questions in total. The exam is 1 hour 45 mins – 96 marks (plus 3 marks for spelling, grammar and specialist terminology).

Why Study Religious Studies?

Students will be challenged with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling them to develop their own attitudes towards religious issues.

Students will also gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture. They will develop analytical and critical thinking skills, the ability to work with abstract ideas, leadership and research skills. All these skills will help prepare them for further study.

Further information on Religious Studies can be obtained from Ms Winnie Oluoch, Head of Department Religious Studies.

