

KS4 RELIGIOUS STUDIES



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
GCSE	Edexcel (Pearson)	1RBO

Topics Covered

Students will develop an appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies. It helps develop a holistic understanding of religion and enables them to understand and articulate their own and others' beliefs, values and commitments.

Assessment

One tier paper.
100% of the assessment is by examination, there are no controlled assessment tasks. Pupils sit two papers of 1 hour and 45 minutes at the end of the course

Paper 1: Religion and Ethics - Islam

Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes, 50% of the qualification.
Students must study all four content sections based upon the religions studied

- Beliefs
- Marriage and the Family
- Living the Religious Life
- Matters of Life and Death

Paper 2: Religion, Philosophy and Social Justice - Christianity

Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes, 50% of the qualification.
Students must study all four content sections based upon the religions studied

- Beliefs
- Crime and Punishment
- Living the Religious Life
- Peace and Conflict

Course Progression

Due to GCSE RS looking at a variety of topics it also links in well with a range of courses - Marriage and the family - Health and Social Care, Childcare. Matters of Life and Death/Medical Issues - Biology, Health and Social Care. Crime and Punishment/Rights and Responsibilities - Law, Sociology. Environmental Issues- Geography, Biology, Travel and Tourism.

Course Outline

Pupils study Philosophy and Ethical issues from the perspectives of two religious views, secular views, and their own. The course is designed to develop understanding and appreciation. They develop transferable skills for progression by developing analytical and critical thinking skills to enable them to present a wide range of well-informed and reasonable arguments, aiding in progression to AS and A level study.

Throughout the course, pupils are encouraged to analyse the way the media represents the various issues explored regarding ethical situations in the world today, and to study a range of views whilst establishing their own views towards these topical issues.

Career Opportunities

GCSE Religious Studies is concerned with contemporary issues that affect the world in which we live now. This course will enhance and support you progress into a number of areas which include- social services, health care, teaching, broadcasting, journalism, law, management and civil service, any career where you work with people.