

ETHICS & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Type of Qualification: GCSE

How it is assessed: 100% Examination

Course Overview:

Our GCSE covers two of the major world religions, Christianity and Islam, and four contemporary ethical themes.

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

The course assessment method includes:

Component 1: The Study of Religions: Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (50% of GCSE)

and

Component 2: Thematic Studies

- Relationships and families
- Religion and life
- The existence of God and revelation
- Religion, human rights and social justice

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (50% of GCSE)

Post 16 and Career opportunities:

In today's multicultural workplace and global economy, knowledge about other cultures and religious perspectives is indispensable. The skills gained from Religious Studies will be useful in a career in: medicine, law, travel, advertising, human resources, diplomacy, publishing, journalism, civil service, the media and teaching and the caring professions.