

Religious Studies

What is GCSE Religious Studies all about?

If you select Religious Studies you will be following the full GCSE course. You will be examining two different religious perspectives. As you are aware from your experience of PRE so far, you do not need a religious faith to study the course.

The GCSE is designed to move with the times. Therefore, it is important that you have an interest in what's going on in the world. We frequently look at current issues that affect both religious and non-religious people in our society along with expressing your own personal view on these issues.

The skills you can develop in PRE are extremely helpful once you leave school. Being able to express your opinion clearly, discuss and debate in a reasoned way, and possess developed writing skills, will all be important whether you decide to stay on in the Sixth Form, go to college, or start an apprenticeship.

The new GCSE Religious Studies qualification reflects the demands of a truly modern and evolving religious studies environment. This new qualification allows students to apply a wide range of concepts allowing them to confidently interpret, contextualise and analyse the expressions of religions and world views they encounter



What topics will I cover?

Philosophy

Christian Beliefs
Living the Christian Life
Islam Beliefs
Living the Islamic Life

Ethics

Marriage and the Family
Matters of Life and Death
Crime and Punishment
Peace and Conflict

How am I assessed?

The GCSE culminates in two 1 hour 45 minute examinations at the end of Year 11.

Which examination board will I follow?

You will be following the Edexcel GCSE Full Course in Religious Studies B: Beliefs in Action.

Is there any additional information about this course?

Universities highly value the study of PRE because the skills and knowledge you acquire can help you in a variety of subjects. There are also many occupations that require an understanding of other people's beliefs and lifestyles: from doctors and nurses, from police officers to lawyers.

Who should I speak to for further information?

Mrs Russell, Mr Lacey or Mr Fudge