

Religious Studies

A Level

The OCR A Level Religious Studies course offers a comprehensive exploration of philosophical, ethical, and theological themes, with a strong focus on the development of Christian thought. Students will delve into the key ideas that have shaped Christian theology, ethics, and philosophy, examining the impact of these ideas on modern society and personal belief systems. The course encourages critical thinking, debate, and reflection on topics such as the existence of God, morality, and the nature of the soul. By exploring both classical and contemporary issues in religion, students will refine their analytical skills and develop a nuanced understanding of Christian theology's evolution. Ideal for those interested in philosophy, theology, or ethics, this course provides a strong foundation for further study and diverse career pathways.

Course Overview

Philosophy of Religion – arguments for the existence of God and the challenges to religious belief. Religious experience, the nature of God and Miracles.

Religion and Ethics – traditional ethical theories and the application of these theories to topics such as abortion and war.

Developments in Religious Thought – the importance of religion in the modern world.

How will I learn?

Seminars; discussions; independent research; self and peer assessment; presentations; visiting speakers and external visits.

Where can I go after the course?

Careers: Politics; Law; Medicine; Social Services; Publishing; Retail; Broadcasting; Education; Religious Ministry.

Further Education: Theology; Politics; Philosophy; Law; Anthropology.

Entry Requirements

Standard 6th Form entry requirements. It is preferred that students have a minimum of a GCSE grade 6 in this or a related subject.

Assessment at the end of Year 2

Three 2 hour written exams.

Exam Board

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