



### Why is the study of Religious Studies important?

If you think that Religious Studies is only for someone who wants to be a vicar, minister, nun, monk, rabbi, imam or even an RS teacher, then think again! Religious Studies has a lot to offer – perhaps more than you might think – in helping you prepare for many different types of career paths. You don't have to be religious to enjoy Religious Studies either. It will make you think about your life and the way you live it.

GCSE Religious Studies provides opportunities for learners to understand more about the world, the religious challenges it faces and their place within it. Following the Eduqas Route A GCSE course will deepen understanding of religions and their effect on society. It will develop learners' competence in a wide range of skills and approaches and enable young people to become religiously informed and thoughtful, engaged citizens.

You will learn about the BIG questions in life such as:

- What happens when we die?
- Does God exist?
- Why is there evil in the world?
- Should capital punishment still exist?

### What skills will the study of Religious Studies teach you?

- Knowledge & understanding of different religions
- Tolerance and understanding of different religious beliefs and practices
- Understanding other people's viewpoints and developing your own opinions
- Justification of ideas and viewpoints on controversial issues such as capital punishment, abortion, homosexuality etc.

### What will you know and understand from your study of Religious Studies?

You will learn about:

- Christian beliefs and practices
- Islam beliefs and practices
- Modern World Themes: Relationships, Good and Evil, Life & Death, Human Rights

### How can you deepen your understanding of Religious Studies?

Visits to places of worship, outside speakers from religious leaders from Christianity and Islam, organisations that link to topics studied e.g. Christian Aid, Islamic Relief.

### How are you assessed in Religious Studies?

*There are 6 assessment points each year that we term Praising Stars®. We assess how students at their current stage of study are on track to reach their end of stage targets which are formulated on aspirational expectation from their KS2 starting points. We make an informed prediction from our holistic assessments based on our subject mapping of expectation across the Religious Studies curriculum.*

### You will also be examined in the following:

Paper 1: Themes (Relationships, Good and Evil, Life & Death, Human Rights)

Paper 2: Christianity

Paper 3: Islam

### Key Assessment Objectives

**AO1:** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief, including:

- beliefs, practices and sources of authority
- influence on individuals, communities and societies
- similarities and differences within and/or between religions and beliefs.

**AO2:** Analyse and evaluate aspects of religion and belief, including their significance and influence.

### Study of Religious Studies can lead to a wide range of careers:

Journalist. Editor. Radio/Television. Politician. Government/Civil Service. Policy Manager. Legal Services (Barrister/ Solicitor). Police Service. Charity sector/not-for-profit organisations. Humanitarian work. Social services/counselling. NHS/Medicine (Doctor/Nurse/Mental Health). PR/Advertising/ Marketing.

## WJEC Eduqas Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Religious Studies Course Overview

Term	Year 1	Year 2
Autumn 1	Christianity Beliefs	Themes: Relationships
Autumn 2	Christianity Beliefs & Practices	Themes: Life & Death
Spring 1	Christianity Practices	Themes: Good & Evil
Spring 2	Islam Beliefs	Themes: Human Rights
Summer 1	Islam Beliefs & Practices	Revision
Summer 2	Islam Practices	Creative Curriculum (after external exams?)

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