



Religious Studies



Level 3 Advanced GCE

Website

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES AS & A2

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Why should I study Religion & Ethics?

Ever since humankind started to think, religion has been a fundamental part of our development. As people look into the vastness of space or witness the miracle of birth, they contemplate the meaning of life and their own mortality. It has always been this way. In the 21st century, religion still addresses the same eternal human questions about life and death, values and relationships, right and wrong.

Religious Studies is an inclusive subject, designed for people of any faith and people who have no faith. It is not necessary to have taken Religious Studies at GCSE. All that is required is a desire to find out more about religion and its role in society.

What skills can I gain from studying Religion & Ethics?

This course encourages students to:

- Develop their interest in a study of religion and its relation to the wider world
- Adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion
- Reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes.

Course Content:

AS: Paper 1

- Philosophy and Christianity– Beliefs about God and arguments for Gods existence. Life after death, the problems of evil and religious experiences as evidence for God.

AS: Paper 2

- Ethical theories and making moral decisions, Issues around human life and death

A2: Paper 1

- As above with the addition; Religion and science, miracles, death and the afterlife

A2: Paper 2

- As above with the addition; Free will and conscience applied to topics such as capital punishment, euthanasia and the use of animals in transplants.

What career paths would Religion & Ethics be suitable for?

The skills that you will learn in Religious Studies will be useful to you in any number of careers; teaching, youth work, journalism, civil service or government to name a few. If you're thinking of a career in Law or Medicine then a Religious Studies A-Level is looked upon favourably for undergraduate courses too.

Subject Combinations

Religious Studies would go well with:
English/Geography/History/Law/ Sociology

