

Sixth Form Subject Information

Religious Studies



Qualification	A-Level	
Exam Board	AQA	
Course Leader	Mrs S Boddington	
Course summary	A-level Religious Studies helps students develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, a rigorous study of Religion, philosophy and ethics and their relation to the wider world. This course encourages students to reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their learning. Students will have an opportunity to study aspects of one or more religions, including textual, theological, historical, ethical, phenomenological and philosophical perspectives.	
What will students learn?	Year 12	<p>Religion and Ethics What makes something right or wrong? How do people make moral decisions? What are your views on abortion, suicide, crime and punishment, human and animal rights?</p> <p>Philosophy of Religion. Philosophical theories on natural and moral evil, the influence of God, the existence of God and religious experience.</p>
	Year 13	<p>The second year builds on previous study by developing students' knowledge. Topics include: Explanations for evil, suffering and miracles, the interaction between religion and science and the debate on the existence of a deity. Students are also invited to attend the Cambridge RE conference to enhance their learning.</p> <p>Religious Studies is excellent preparation for any career that involves presenting clear, logical arguments (for example Law), understanding people (the caring professions) or dealing with complex issues and problem solving (most professional careers).</p>
How will students be assessed?	At the end of the second year each unit will be assessed via a 3 hour examination and each paper is worth 50% of the final mark. Candidates study a selection of units from a choice of available.	
Differentiation	Journal articles Revision resources shared on Moodle and the shared drive Past exam questions and revision booklets Model answers	
Resources	Ethics Nelson Thornes -Bowie, R. A. &Frye, J.	

Dewar, G. AS and A Level Religious Studies: Philosophy and Ethics through diagrams Oxford University Press . Revision Guide summarising content in visual form | Singer, P. (Ed.) A Companion to Ethics (Blackwell Companions to Philosophy) Blackwell Publishers 1
The Puzzle of Ethics Fount 1999 0006281443 Good chapters on the key topics Wilcockson, M. Issue of Life and Death Hodder Murray

AS- British Medical Journal <http://www.bmjournals.com>

Journal, The Lancet <http://www.thelancet.com>

BBC website with many useful links as well <http://www.bbc.co.uk>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-2060/teaching-and-learning-resources>