

Religious Studies



Why choose Religious Studies?

- You study in good class sizes and learn with experienced teachers who love their subject
- It provides a good foundation for a wide variety of degree courses at university
- RS is an excellent choice to combine with either Arts or Science subjects
- Develop skill in reasoning on matters concerning values, attitudes and actions
- Students develop their interest and enthusiasm for religion and ethical reasoning through studying contemporary society
- Develop the ability to make responsible judgements on significant moral teaching and issues.
- RS provides the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills through discussion and debate – so essential for university
- Be a part of the oldest and first academic subject
- RS helps to prepare its students for a range of careers, from medical professions and legal professions, to social work, education and the world of business

AS Religious Studies

Religious Studies is a subject that by its nature requires its students to consider individual, moral, ethical, social, cultural and contemporary issues. It directly addresses subject matter that is concerned with:

- the quest for the meaning of life, truth and ultimate values
- awareness of aspects of human life other than the physical and material
- the exploration of religious beliefs

and provides a stimulus for students to:

- explore their own beliefs, creative abilities, insights, self-identity, and self worth
- recognise and value the world and others

Entry requirements

5 GCSE grades at 'C' or above are normally required. GCSE in Religious Studies is helpful but not essential. A willingness to debate and share ideas as well as a determination to examine contemporary issues with an open and balanced mind is necessary. Are you ready to walk in the moccasins of the greatest minds in history?

RS1 – Religion and Ethics

This module involves the study of three ethical theories. Each of these theories is then reviewed, applied and evaluated in the light of life in the 21st century in relation to sexual ethics. This unit is assessed through one exam and is worth 50% of the AS course.

RS2 – An Introduction to Hinduism

Philosophical ideas about God in Hinduism will be studied and discussed as well as some of the key beliefs of the faith such as karma and reincarnation. The practical nature of Hinduism is also studied in view of festivals and how Hindus worship as well as looking at some of the Gods in Hinduism. This unit is assessed through one exam and is worth 50% of the AS course.

Departmental Information

- Ms Lyn Jones (Head of Department and Assistant Examiner)
- Mr Brian Ward (Chief Examiner)
- Miss Dawn Knox

Student comments

“The teaching and support I received gave me confidence and set me up well for university.”

“We get to have deep discussions and give our own opinions in debates, as long as it's backed up, it's valid. Also it's really fun”

“Lessons are really interesting and often funny. The teachers love their subject and this makes you love it.”

“Choosing Religious Studies is a great choice of A Level as it's never boring and is very insightful, learning about different religions and their way of life”