

What are the aims of this course?

The Edexcel GCSE in Religious Studies enable students to:

- develop their knowledge and understanding of religions and non-religious beliefs, such as atheism and humanism;
- develop their knowledge and understanding of religious beliefs, teachings, sources of wisdom and authority, including through their reading of key religious texts and scripture;
- develop their ability to construct well-argued, well-informed, balanced and structured written arguments, demonstrating their depth and breadth of understanding;
- engage with the question of belief, value, meaning, purpose, truth and their influence on human life;
- reflect on and develop their own values, beliefs and attitudes in the light of what they have learnt and will contribute to their preparation for adult life in a pluralistic society and global community;
- understand significant common and divergent views between and/or within religions and beliefs.

What will I learn?

Following this specification will enable learners to:

- deepen their understanding of the relationship between people;
- become informed about common and divergent views within traditions in the way beliefs and teachings are understood and expressed;
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the fact that religious traditions of Great Britain are, in the main, Christian;
- understand that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse and include the following religions:

Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism, as well as non-religious beliefs, such as atheism and humanism. Students will study Christianity and Judaism for the examination.

Progression and Career Opportunities

What can I do at college if I achieve a GCSE in this subject?

The course doesn't just provide facts about religion, it is designed to develop skills such as evaluation, analysis, debate and research. These skills are useful in a whole range of subjects such as Sociology, Psychology, Law, Government & Politics, English, History and Geography.

What jobs can I do if I achieve a GCSE in this subject?

These are all skills used in jobs such as; Teaching, Law, Politics, Social Work and so on.

Further Information

What do we offer?

- After school revision classes. Students are also provided with a revision pack.
- Lunchtime Drop In 'You have a question, we are here to answer it'.
- Prayer/Reflection group in the chapel.
- Youth SVP, 'Working Together to Help our Community'.
- Retreats – this year we are open to suggestions.
- Chaplaincy Group.

Specification Link:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-a-2016.html>

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Course Outline

Unit Titles	Content	% Unit is Worth
Study of Catholic Christianity	Beliefs and Teachings, Practices, Sources of Wisdom and Authority, Forms of Expression and ways of life	50%
Study of Judaism	Beliefs and Teachings Practices	25%
Philosophy and Ethics	Arguments for the Existence of God Religious teachings on relationships and Families in the 21st Century	25%