



GCSE

Religious Studies

Course description

Do you want to study for a GCSE that is recognised by universities as one of the most important academic subjects? Do you want to study a subject that has been highlighted by top London businesses as one of the most critical GCSEs that help to make young people more employable? Do you want to study a subject that will stimulate your mind and open doors to countless careers? If you have answered yes to any of the above then GCSE RS is the course for you.

You do not have to be 'religious' to study this course but you need to be someone who has a questioning, open mind and is interested in people and the world around them. This course is an academic study of religious beliefs, ethics and philosophy. It develops student's skills of research, questioning, debate, empathy, understanding and evaluation. Students are encouraged to examine their own views on matters which affect them now and later in life.

- Should we allow abortion and euthanasia?
- Should we bring back the death penalty?
- Is there life after death?
- What does religion say about war?
- What do Muslims and Christians really believe?

These are just some of the questions that you will be asking, debating and answering when studying GCSE Religious Studies. The course is divided equally between the study of two world religions, Christianity and Islam, and Thematic modules. The Thematic units cover Peace and Conflict, Relationship and Families, Crime and Punishment, and Religion and Life. We also provide students with a wide range of experiences to aid their learning, including the opportunity to take part in an evening ghost hunt.

In today's world the study of religion, ethics and philosophy is more important than ever. As a result GCSE RS is one of the fastest growing GCSEs.



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Exam Board
AQA



Number of timetabled periods per fortnight:
7



Equivalent number of GCSEs awarded:
1



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Assessment

The RS department has a long standing history at HBHS of getting some of the best GCSE results. Assessment for this course is 100% examination. There is no coursework element.

Students will sit two 1 hour 45 minute papers of equal weighting.

Questions range from multiple choice answers to extended writing. Students are assessed on their knowledge, understanding and evaluation skills.

