

A-level Religious Studies

Below you will find some information regarding the A-level Religious Studies course. Please note that there are some entry requirements for this course; please speak to us if you have any queries or questions.

What is covered?

There are three main components of this new A-level subject:

- Philosophy – looking at a variety of topics such as: arguments for the existence of God, evil and suffering, religious experience and religious language, miracles and life after death.
- Ethics – looking at a variety of topics such as: ethical theories, issues of human life and death, issues of animal life and death, introduction to meta-ethics, free will and moral responsibility, conscience, Bentham and Kant.
- An in-depth study of Christianity – looking at a variety of topics such as: sources of wisdom and authority, God, self, death and the afterlife, good conduct and key moral principles, expression of religious identity, religion, gender and sexuality, religion and science, religion and secularisation, religion and religious pluralism.

What does the course involve?

The course will require an understanding of the relationship between religion and philosophy and between religion and ethics; looking specifically at how religion influences philosophy and ethics and how religion is influenced by them.

You will need to be able to inform your opinions on matters and discuss them thoroughly, as well as showing understanding of the opinions of others in an evaluative and analytical way.

Quick course facts

You should have a minimum of five GCSEs graded at level 4 or above, including Mathematics and a level 5 or above in English.

This is a thought-provoking and inspiring subject, which will help you form and critique arguments and write persuasive essays.

These critical and evaluative skills are sought by universities and employers in areas of: law, education, social work, politics, medicine, administration and the media.

