

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A LEVEL

Course Content
This course consists of Philosophy, Ethics and the Developments in Christian Thought
Teaching and Learning
Philosophy: This is the study of ideas and thinking. Candidates are expected to gain knowledge of Philosophers who have had a major influence on the world. The course will also examine the influence of, and the challenges to religion made by Darwin, Hume and Russell. Students will discuss and critically examine the strengths and weaknesses of various arguments
Ethics: This is a study of right and wrong. Students will critically examine a number of ethical theories and how they are applied to several key issues. The course will include applied ethics when students will carry out a detailed study of topics such as euthanasia, business ethics and sexual ethics
Development in Christian Thought: This is an attempt to explore the questions raised by religion (in this case Christianity) from the point of view of the beliefs Christians live by. It includes the study of key thinkers and themes such as what constitutes sin, sexuality, the afterlife, the person of Jesus, gender and liberation theology.
Assessment
3 x 2 hour written examinations There is no coursework
Progression
Religious Studies is the fastest growing subject in schools and universities. The knowledge and skills gained in this demanding curriculum area are of value in many different areas. Students go on to study and work in a variety of different roles in a range of employment sectors. Typical employers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National and local government,• Schools, colleges and universities• Charities, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations;• Social services and other caring professions;• The church and other religious organisations;• Financial and legal firms;• National Health Service;• PR, advertising, sales and marketing companies;• Libraries, charities, museums, television companies and publishing houses
Entry Requirements
Grade 5 in English plus GCSE Full Course RS grade 5 or above or grade 6 in GCSE RS Short Course
Examination Board
OCR
Further Details
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