

GCSE Religious Studies

Examination Board: EDUQAS

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Course Aims:

- To identify, investigate and respond to fundamental questions of life and living and express and justify your own opinions.
- To develop knowledge, understanding and skills when considering Christian and other responses to moral, ethical and philosophical issues.

Course Description:

Pupils will study three units of work, sitting their three exams at the end of Year 11.

Unit 1: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World (2 hour exam — 50% of qualification)

- Theme 1: Issues of Relationships
- Theme 2: Issues of Life and Death
- Theme 3: Issues of Good and Evil
- Theme 4: Issues of Human Rights

Unit 2: Study of Christianity (1 hour exam — 25% of qualification)

Unit 3: Study of Islam (1 hour exam — 25% of qualification)

How will I learn?

Within RE we have found that pupils often find it easier to understand an issue when they look at it initially from a personal perspective. Pupils will develop their discussion, debate and argument-formation skills. Pupils will also be involved in research tasks and problem solving activities. Wherever possible we try to use media stimulus (film, TV, music) to engage the pupils in their learning.

Possible Career Pathways:

Pupils who do well in RE at GCSE also enjoy the subject at AS or A level. Similarly the skills developed during the study of RE are useful for subjects such as Sociology, Psychology, Politics and History. What is important to understand is that the skills and understanding gained from the study of RE are useful in adult life in general and in many careers, notably those that have a high level of people interaction.