

Introduction to GCSE (Short Course) Religious Studies (World Religions)

Why study Religious Studies?

Religious Studies covers a wide range of topics all of which help to improve your understanding of people and the religious influences on their lives.

A GCSE in Religious Studies will enable you to gain a qualification in a subject you will have been studying for most of your school life and build on the foundation that this study has provided. Depending on which areas of the subject you choose, you will discover how the beliefs and practices of religions affect the ways in which believers lead their lives.

It is also an excellent basis for moving on to an AS or Advanced GCE in Religious Studies.

You will study:

You can choose from options including:

- * Christian Perspectives on Moral and Social Issues (optionally from a Roman Catholic perspective);
- * World Religions - Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism;
- * New Testament.

You will also learn about:

- * The teachings and practices of one or two religions;
- * How religion affects family and community life.

You will learn the following skills:

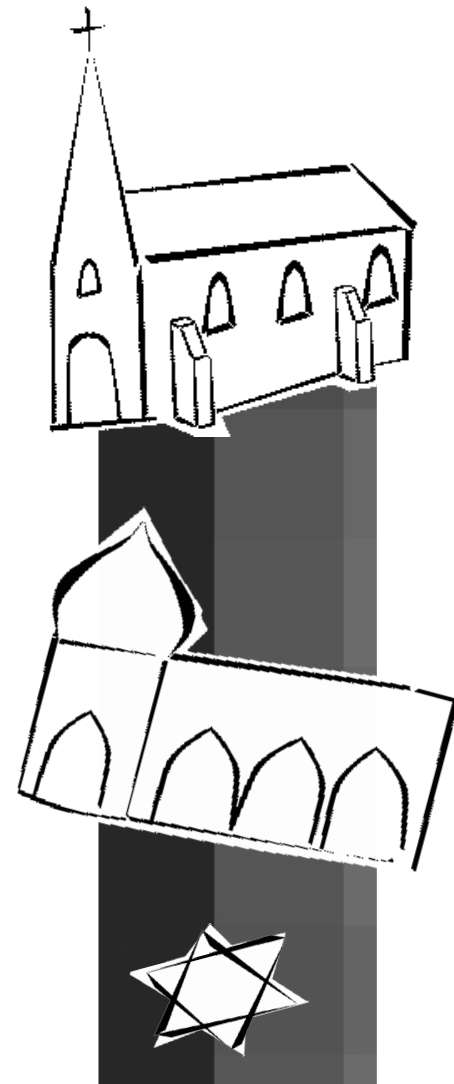
- * How to interpret and evaluate pieces of information;
- * The ability to communicate and apply your knowledge;
- * The ability to describe and analyse the key features of the religions studied;
- * Critical thinking and problem solving.

Assessment:

You will choose any two of the examination papers available; there is no coursework. Both papers cover the full range of grades G–A*.

Examination papers (1 hour)

All the questions are divided into three parts, each part giving you the opportunity to show a different skill. The first question is compulsory, and has a picture or text stimulus; there are three other questions, from which you choose one (answering two questions in total).



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