

Introduction to GCSE 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.

This course 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;
- * Religion, the Media and Entertainment.

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;
- * How to communicate and apply your knowledge;
- * How to describe and analyse the key features of the religions studied;
- * Critical thinking and problem solving.

Assessment:

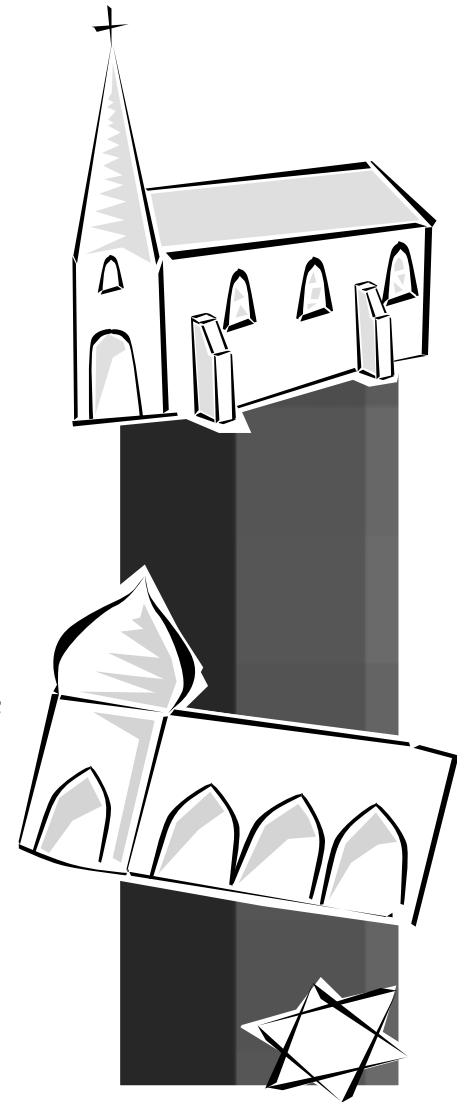
You choose any two of the papers available, both cover the full range of grades G to A*. You can choose between writing coursework on these two topics or taking the Religion, the Media and Entertainment paper.

Coursework

You will write two assignments of about 1500 words each, each related to one of the examination papers you will be taking. As an alternative, you could take the one-hour examination paper on Religion, the Media and Entertainment.

Examination papers (1 hour 30 minutes)

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



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