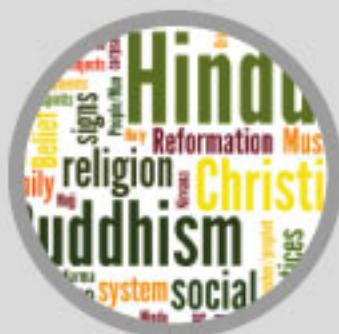
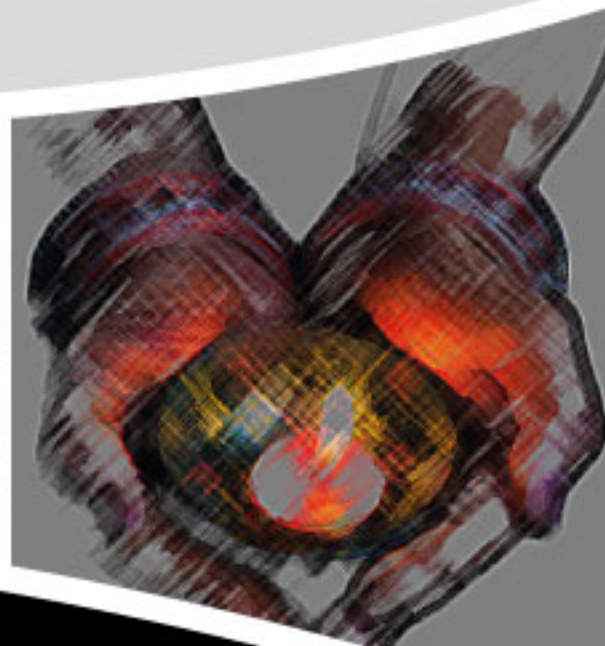


# Why Choose GCSE Religious Studies?

**Religious Studies** takes a distinctive issues-based approach to the study of religious, philosophical and ethical studies in a modern world. It provides the opportunities for you to understand more about the world, the religious challenges it faces and your place within it. You will have the opportunity to think critically by developing your use of effective questioning. You will be able to develop your knowledge, skills and understanding by exploring the significance and impact of culture, religious beliefs, teachings, sources, practices, and ways of life, expressing personal and informed responses on fundamental questions and ethical issues.



GCSE Religious Studies will enable you to reflect on fundamental questions and ethical dilemmas and develop your own ideas, opinions and attitudes. You will enhance your understanding of different cultures locally, nationally and in the wider world and contribute to social and community cohesion.



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our experienced teaching team provide expert guidance and tuition.

# GCSE Religious Studies - Philosophy and Ethics

## Assessment Information

Examining Board: WJEC Accreditation: GCSE Grades A\* - G

### Unit 1 - Religion and Philosophical Themes.

(2 hour written examination that makes up 50% of the qualification)

Part A: examines belief and practice from the two religious perspectives of Hinduism and Christianity.

Topics include belief surrounding the **nature of God**, **religious practice** including places of worship and the rites of passage and approaches to **ethical decision making**.

Part B - examines two philosophical themes from two religious perspectives:

**Issues of Life and Death** (afterlife, environmental responsibility, euthanasia, evolution, abortion, quality of life, sanctity of life, soul).

**Issues of Good and Evil** (good vs evil, forgiveness, free will, justice, morality, pacifism, conscience, suffering).

### Unit 2 - Religion and Ethical Themes.

(2 hour written examination that makes up 50% of the qualification)

Part A: **Sources of authority**, **belief in an afterlife**, **religious practice** (places of pilgrimage and festivals).

Part B: **Relationships** (adultery, divorce, cohabitation, commitment, contraception, gender equality, roles).

**Human Rights** (censorship, discrimination, extremism, human rights, prejudice, poverty, social justice).

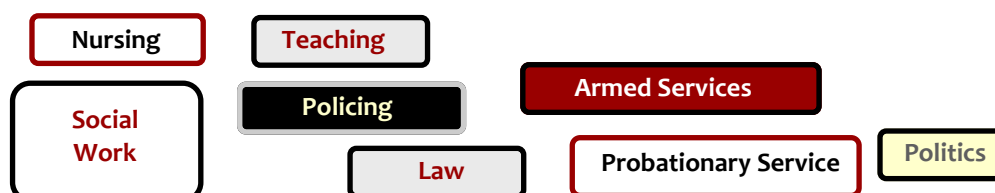
## Who is suitable for this course?

You will be successful and enjoy this course if you are interested in or have an enthusiasm for developing your cultural and religious understanding.

## Why should I take this course?

The skills developed whilst studying Religious Studies are valuable for any career choice which involves working with people. A great deal of the course requires the use of philosophical and critical analysis, very much wanted and respected by universities and other further education establishments.

GCSE Religious Studies will give you an excellent grounding for opportunities within:



## Future Options

After studying GCSE Religious Studies you could:

Study Advanced Level Religious Studies at Sixth Form;

Study for a degree in a religious studies -related course or other subject at university;

Get a job within the field of Religious Studies.

## For Further Information

Please contact the RS department.

