

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## A LEVEL (OCR)



Religious Studies at A Level is an exciting, enriching and academically rigorous course. It will allow you to develop your understanding of the origins of religious thought, as well as to consider the challenges faced by religion in an increasingly secular society. You will perfect your skills of analysis, evaluation and argument, and will arrive at your own conclusions on a variety of religious and ethical issues.

### What will you learn?

Philosophy of Religion:

Topic one - Ancient Philosophical Influences (mind, body & soul), Arguments for and against the The Problem of Evil, Religious Experience: fact or fiction, What/Who is God? and The Value of Religious Language.

### Ethics:

Natural Law, Kantian Ethics, Situation Ethics, Utilitarian Ethics, Business Ethics, Euthanasia, Conscience, Meta-ethics, Sexual Ethics.

### Development in Christian Thought:

The Person of Jesus Christ, Life After Death, Human Nature, Moral Principles and Action, Feminist Theology, Gender and Society, Religious Pluralism.

### How will you be assessed?

Three examinations in the summer series – there are no January exams or resits.

H573/1: Philosophy of Religion

You will answer Three essay questions from a choice of Four. Exam: 2 hour written exam. 120 marks

H573/2: Religious and ethics

You will answer Three essay questions from a choice of Four. Exam: 2 hour written exam. 120 marks

H573/6: Developments of Religious Thought

You will answer Three essay questions from a choice of Four. Exam: 2 hour written exam. 120 marks

### Where will it take you?

Religious Studies at A Level has inspired students to pursue a wide range of courses at degree level, including Theology, Philosophy and the Social Sciences. It will develop your skills of communication, critical thinking, analysis and evaluation whilst providing you with the confidence needed to perform well in many academic university subjects.

### Who to talk to?

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### What will you need to study this course?

Five or more 9-4 grades at GCSE including English and Maths. At least a grade 6 in GCSE Religious Studies. If Religious Studies was not studied at Level 2 at least a grade 5 in GCSE English and one more essay based qualification.