Religious Studies
A Level

AWARDING BODY | Edexcel
SPECIFICATION CODE | 8RSO/9RSO

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- 5 A*-C including GCSE English Language and GCSE Mathematics at Grades 9-4
- Grade 5 in English Language desirable but overall GCSE/Level 2 performance is considered
- 5 in Religious Studies/Education if studied at GCSE

ABOUT THIS COURSE

AS Level - 3 papers (1 hour each):
1. Philosophy of religion
2. Religion and ethics
3. Study of religion (Islam)

A Level 3 papers (2 hours each):
1. Philosophy of religion
2. Religion and ethics
3. Study of Religion (Islam)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This qualification in RE encourages students to develop an appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies. It facilitates enquiry and develops insightful evaluation of, ultimate questions about the purposes and commitments of human life, especially as expressed in philosophy, ethics and religion. It enables students to make connections so that in each field of study they understand the influences over time of developments in religious beliefs and practices, the philosophy of religion, ethics and textual interpretation.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

The study of Religious studies is essential for those individuals with inquisitive minds. You will learn to develop an independent and free thinking mentality through:
- Researching and presenting a wide range of well-informed and reasonable arguments, which engage profoundly with moral, religious and spiritual issues.
- High level critical thinking, reading and extended writing exercises.
- Class discussions, debates and role-plays in class which require you to question and challenge a variety of perspectives.
- Wider reading of material relevant to key issues studied in Religious Studies.

WHERE WILL IT TAKE ME?

This new qualification will allow students to apply a wide range of concepts enabling them to confidently interpret, contextualise and analyse the expressions of religions and world views they encounter, this will enable students to make a smooth transition to the next level of study. The wide range of skills you learn in Religious studies, naturally open the doors to variety of degree and career options. These include, but are not limited to: Theology, philosophy, psychology, teaching, law, journalism, social work, human resources, medicine, nursing and many more social sciences.

WHO TO TALK TO?

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