

Religious Studies

Exam Board: Edexcel

Syllabus: 2RS01/5RS01/5RS08

What will I learn?

Aims

The specification aims to enable you to:

- adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion
- explore religions and beliefs, reflect on fundamental questions, and engage with them intellectually and respond personally
- enhance your spiritual and moral development, and contribute to your health and well-being
- enhance your personal, social and cultural development, your understanding of different cultures locally, nationally and in the wider world, and contribute to social and community cohesion
- develop your interest in, and enthusiasm for, the study of religion, and relate it to the wider world
- reflect on and develop your own values, opinions and attitudes in light of your learning.

Course Description

Studying *Religion and Life (Unit 1)*, you will cover:

- faith in practice
- why some people believe in God and some people don't
- why some people believe in life after death and some people don't
- different attitudes towards issues such as abortion, euthanasia, sex, marriage, divorce, homosexuality, contraception and family life
- religion and community cohesion in terms of women's rights, ethnic rights and the problems and benefits of living in a multi-faith society.

Studying *Religion and Society (Unit 8)*, you will cover:

- different ways in which Christians make moral decisions
- different attitudes to human rights, genetic engineering, environmental problems, transplant surgery, infertility treatments, war, bullying, religious conflicts in families and crime and punishment
- the work of the UN for world peace
- problems of drugs and alcohol
- religious attitudes to drugs and alcohol.

How will I be assessed?

The Edexcel GCSE in Religious Studies comprises two units (Unit 1 and Unit 8). Each unit is assessed through a one-and-a-half hour examination, divided into four sections.

Students choose one of two questions set for each section - four questions in total.

Further Information

RE is compulsory at KS4, so all pupils attend lessons and will sit both examinations at the end of Year 11.