# Religious Studies GCSE



# Why Should I Study Religious Studies?

- To reflect on your own philosophy of life
- To prepare for living in a multicultural world
- To investigate important world issues
- To develop important skills in debating, being able to make an argument, writing
- To study an interesting subject that is respected by universities and employers





# What Will I Study?

• We follow the AQA A specification,

This covers religious, philosophical and ethical thought and teaching.

#### Component 1: Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

We study 2 religions - Christianity and Islam. This component covers beliefs and teachings about the nature of God, the afterlife, authority, as well as exploring a wide range of religious practices and festivals.

• Component 2: Ethical Themes –

We study four themes in which we debate the rights and wrongs of different moral and ethical issues relevant to today

- Theme A: Relationships and families
- Theme B: Religion and Life
- Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict
- Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment







# What Will Religious Studies Lessons Be Like?

- We will have lots of debate and discussion
- You will be involved in group work
- You will participate in independent research
- You will learn how to answer the exam questions





### How Will I Be Assessed?

- 2 x Written exams of 1 hour 45 minutes
- 96 marks, plus 6 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar (Christianity and Islam paper)
- 96 marks, plus 3 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar (thematic ethical studies)
- No coursework
- There is a common structure of a five-part question of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 12 marks per topic

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#### What does the Bible teach about forgiveness and reconciliation? "For if while we were Gods enemies, we were reconciled to 2/2/2020 him through the death of his Son. "This is my blood a symbol of the covenant, poured out for you and how much more, having been for the many for the forgiveness reconciled, shall we be saved of sins." (Matthew 26:28) through his life!" (Romans 5:10) "For God so loved the world He gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, so whoever believes in Him shall not die but have eternal life." (John 3:16) 1 on these strongers where the 2200 Creek me train sport TO BUCK Spanner I'm Albander foreneuch SALLES SERIES AND ITS MEDINES BARRIES and a CLARKSLER LINE RILLINGTON WAR this was an an and and approx . Broken . Prophers ..... MARCHINE PROLICES THAT THE SHALL baby's LOCA CHER LIDER. IF DRIEN WE MEDDED THIS BECALLERS away er exteraness of ans." S-Will. a saturd . Dura fills many car up of TTE war chains 1000 A. This means m post bismisterne. so nesser be wep is avairem 03 and war BOLLES COMPANY TRANSPORT & is poople there the sure cherge where the mem e cans you use in quote interi, where the on early enclosed to encourse The cross PLANESSES THAT BOARD BEALLY STADE trey May DO TO CALLON MADO hell, where me put marting THERE EAST IS NOT THE PARTY PARTY AS THE Baust Deprison BANK HE WIS PROPER OVE ONS the was no governing any to one and Dething of Landston and Asia creat. PLugarony." ports this. This is a former to 8. between heaven and t THE HEART - LON 2 MOUSE THE LOUIS PICLINE GENERAL - COOPLE AS THE - Odd raw 2Gind man 400 who have committed a Int - start match an 20 (2MS) crossage base aborder the suit refie anythere paraeres - a manae so they are taken her that bean percentioned for a peried is sharp more to as reconcised with soon 2:12 I part & only con all purgnon any time. They are use men pu can an to her Wallingford MERCHANT TAYLORS'

# What can I do with Religious Studies GCSE?

- Anything it is a respected GCSE because it involves extended writing and being able to put forward different views and make an argument
- It develops skills used in A levels and Level 3 BTECs
- Valued by universities
- Proves you can explain different viewpoints
- Proves you can make a good argument for one side or another good for careers in law, teaching, journalism and the media.
- Gives you a good understanding of people and society good for careers in medicine and health care, social work, policing, psychology, local government etc.



## How Do I Find Out More Details?



• Speak to Miss Simpkins, Mr Jackson or Mrs. Driscoll

 Speak to older students who are already taking the course

