

# Religious Studies A Level

## Who is the course for?

Anyone interested in philosophy will enjoy this course. If you like exploring challenging concepts, and finding out how religious beliefs have influenced our culture, you will find this course fascinating

## What does the course involve?

**Year 1** : Spanning over two thousand years of philosophical and religious thought, the course travels from Plato's ancient Greece, asking questions such as 'Do we have a soul?' through to modern ethical dilemmas such as 'Should euthanasia be legal?' and 'Should British troops ever have gone to Iraq?' The topics are studied in a variety of ways to ensure your lessons will always be lively and interesting!

**Year2:** You will study Philosophy and Ethics in greater depth. In Philosophy, you will study the concept of the afterlife, religious experience and religious language. In the ethics course, you will explore the nature of freewill and conscience, and apply ethical theories to sexuality and the business world. There will also be an in depth study of Marxist Influenced theology and the place of religion in our pluralistic world.

## Modules include:

### A level Units:

1. Philosophy and Religion
2. Religion and Ethics
3. Developments in Christian thought

All three papers are 2 hours long and each is worth 33.3% of the overall A level marks

## Assessment Methods

A level Religious Studies is assessed by three exams at the end of Year 13, which make up 100% of the qualification.

## Progression Options

Religious Studies qualifications are useful for a variety of careers that call for the ability to communicate orally and in writing, and the capability to think critically; specifically Teaching, Law, Government and Business, or any field where a combination of analytical skills and cultural understanding may be useful..

Universities view Religious Studies A level as a rigorous academic subject useful for a variety of academic disciplines.

## Awarding Body

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