

GCSE RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

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WHAT IS THE SUBJECT ABOUT?

At GCSE level Religious Education is about real life issues and understanding human experiences. The course focuses on moral, religious and social issues and encourages you to develop your own views and ideas on each topic.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will have three written examination papers at the end of Year 11. There is no coursework element or controlled assessment. Results in RE are consistently high, with 98% of students achieving A* - C in 2017.

WHAT WILL I DO IN LESSONS?

Throughout Years 9 to 11 you will study a variety of moral issues and ethical questions. You will study these issues from both a Christian perspective and a Muslim perspective, as well as from a non-religious perspective. There will be an emphasis on the concept of 'belief', both religious and non-religious belief and 50% of the course will focus on philosophical and ethical questions about life. You will be encouraged to develop and promote your own views on all the issues we study.

The Units of study are:

- Issues of relationships
- Issues of life and death
- Issues of good and evil
- Issues of human rights
- Christian beliefs, practices & teachings
- Muslim beliefs, practices & teachings

You will have the opportunity to discuss and debate a variety of issues and carry out individual research. You will be encouraged to develop good Habits of Excellence such as the habit of empathy and understanding and opportunities to think about your thinking (metacognition).

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO CONSIDER?

You need to be prepared to listen to others and to accept that other people may think differently from you. You must be prepared to complete a variety of written tasks, including extended pieces of writing, which show analysis and evaluation. You must be prepared to write extended essays regularly which show that you understand both religious and humanist views.

WHAT DO STUDENTS THINK OF THE SUBJECT?

"I love being able to express my opinion in class discussion."

"You learn a lot about real life issues such as euthanasia, prejudice and war."

"You are always encouraged to see different points of view. "

"It helps you to think about what is important in life."

"I enjoy discussing serious issues and thinking about what it all means to me."