



Rewarding Learning

GCSE Religious Studies

STUDENT
GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Studying Religious Studies enables you to explore religions and beliefs and gain a greater understanding of different cultures, not just where you live, but in the wider world. It gives you the opportunity to consider important questions related to belief.

There are nine units to choose from, giving you the opportunity to explore different areas of study in religion.

WHY STUDY RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

Through studying Religious Studies, you will have the opportunity to develop interest in and enthusiasm for religion by studying different topics and issues.

You will be able to participate in discussions and debates, consider the evidence and argue a case. Through these discussions, you may hear different viewpoints and will have the opportunity to express your own thoughts and influence others.

You can reflect on and develop your own values and opinions based on what you have learned.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THIS QUALIFICATION?

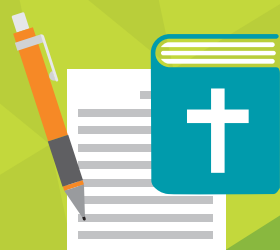
There are nine units to choose from, covering a wide range of religions and beliefs.

The qualification can be taken as either a Full Course or a Short Course. For the Short Course, you complete one unit. You complete two units for the Full Course.



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

UNIT	AREAS OF STUDY
<p>There are nine units available to choose from.</p> <p>Unit 1: The Christian Church through a Study of the Catholic Church and the Protestant Church</p> <p>Unit 2: The Christian Church with a Focus on EITHER the Catholic Church OR the Protestant Church</p> <p>Unit 3: The Revelation of God and the Christian Church</p> <p>Unit 4: Christianity through a Study of the Gospel of Matthew</p> <p>Unit 5: Christianity through a Study of the Gospel of Mark</p> <p>Unit 6: An Introduction to Christian Ethics</p> <p>Unit 7: An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion</p> <p>Unit 8: Islam</p> <p>Unit 9: Judaism</p>	<p>Short Course: One external written examination worth 100% of the overall GCSE qualification.</p> <p>1 hour 30 mins</p> <p>Full Course: Two external written examinations each worth 50% of the overall GCSE qualification.</p> <p>1 hour 30 mins each</p>



Short Course
One external written
examination

100%



Full Course
Two external written
examinations

50% each

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?



This qualification will help you gain valuable skills that can help lead to further study at Advanced level.

Applying the skills that you will learn will benefit you in everyday life and any career path that you follow. These skills include:

- working with others;
- investigating changing attitudes to key issues; and
- analysing and assessing evidence and multiple perspectives.

You will also have the opportunity to explore unfamiliar views through the study of different world religions.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A QUALIFICATION IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

By undertaking this subject, you will be well prepared to study Religious Studies at Advanced level.

Studying Religious Studies can lead on to a variety of careers, for example in teaching, medicine, public service, advice work, counselling, journalism, sales and marketing companies, ministry, social work, charity organisations, youth work, community work, libraries and museums.

