

## Religious Studies

### A-Level

#### Overview

Religious Studies at A Level is an exciting opportunity for those who wish to develop their knowledge and understanding of ultimate questions. It gives scope for those who wish to sharpen their own critical approach.

#### Why Study?

If you are opting for Religious Studies, you should have an enquiring mind and be willing to think, to question and to search. No religious faith is assumed or expected, merely an openness to discover and explore. The subject is open to those students either following an arts or a science based course of study and may provide useful reflection upon other subject areas.

This specification is designed to:

- Q Develop a range of transferable skills which can be applied far beyond the study of Religious Studies
- Q Help students gain a thorough grounding in key philosophical concepts, themes, texts and techniques
- Q Enable students to develop the ability to reason, form their own judgements, express themselves coherently and contribute to the process of debate
- Q Show students how to consider philosophical problems through the study of a key text.

As well as learning key subjects the course aims to also teach and educate on life skills. Topics studied give students a greater awareness of current issues and ethical problems in the world today. This critical analysis, debate and the ability to formulate a persuasive argument allows students to develop skills transferable into the world of work.

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- Q Component 1: Philosophy of Religion
- Q Component 2: Religion and Ethics
- Q Component 3: Developments in Religious Thought From a Christian perspective





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**Progression:**

Choosing Religious studies opens up a variety of career paths. This is due to the skills learnt which are adaptable to many essay writing and critical analysis courses including law, humanities subjects and economics.

The study of Religious Studies can also be very helpful for those wishing to study medicine or wanting to have a career in the medical sphere. This is due to the medical ethics topics which are studied and so form a good base for this area when covered at degree level.

Past students have gone on to successfully study PPE, Philosophy, Medicine, Theology, Religious Studies and Applied Ethics. Many go on to Oxbridge or Russell group universities.

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