

GCSE Religious Studies (World Religions, Philosophy and Ethics) & Extended Project Qualification Combined

Exam Boards: GCSE Religious Studies - AQA

Extended Project Qualification - Edexcel

Students taking this option are able to gain two qualifications. One is GCSE Religious Studies delivered during Year 9 – 11. The second is an Extended Project Qualification either Level 3 (worth an AS-Level) or at Level 2 Higher GCSE standard and is delivered in Year 10 – 11.

GCSE Religious Studies Aims:

This course is designed to enable you to:

- explore and learn to express your ideas and the ideas of others, about social, moral, personal, religious and/or philosophical issues
- develop a knowledge and understanding of two different religions and of Ethics and Philosophy
- understand different peoples' beliefs, morals and ways of living.

It will also teach you to produce evidence and arguments to support and evaluate points of view.



The skills which are learned in Religious Studies are useful in almost all aspects of adult life. The ability to discuss issues and to support your view with suitable evidence is very important in a whole range of jobs from Police Officer to someone preparing a report about a new project for a manager of a business. Religious Studies also enables you to begin to understand people more effectively, by looking at how a religion affects people and why it is important to them.

Content & Assessment:

It is compulsory to study two world religions. These are Christianity and Buddhism.

Then a choice of 4 of the following topics:

Religion and relationships	Religion, peace and conflict
Religion and life	Religion, crime and punishment
The existence of God and revelation	Religion, human rights and social justice

The course will be assessed by two examinations at the end of Year 11.

Extended Project Qualification Overview:

Through a flexible, study based approach, the Project helps students to develop as inquisitive, independent learners. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience university style study and expand their knowledge in an area of interest. As part of an EPQ students will choose a topic or area that they research in great depth. They will work independently with the support of a tutor and will plan, manage, complete and evaluate a single piece of work which can take the form of a dissertation, case study, artefact or performance. The EPQ is limitless and students can focus on any area they wish to study.

For further information, please contact your RE teacher and Mrs K Clifton