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Examination Board: AQA

One of the aims of Religious Studies GCSE is to help you become aware of what is going on around you, in this country and in the rest of the world.

Some of the topics studied will be relevant to your own lives, either now or in the future. You will gain knowledge and skills which will be helpful both in your personal lives and also in your chosen career.

You will learn to discuss, reason, justify and evaluate religious and ethical questions. You own opinions matter!

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study two world religions, Christianity and Islam. Students will learn about key beliefs, worship, lifestyles and festivals within these two religions. The course will also include the study of four philosophical and ethical themes:

1. Relationships and families
2. Religion and life
3. Religion, peace and conflict
4. Religion, crime and punishment

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

2 examination papers. Each paper is worth 50% of the final grade. 96 marks are awarded for each paper (plus 5 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG)).

MODULE	ELEMENTS	ASSESSMENT	DATE	%
Component 1	The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices	1 hour 45 minutes	June 2022	50
Component 2	Thematic Studies	1 hour 45 minutes	June 2022	50

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Good communication skills.
- Empathy.
- A great independent learner who enjoys reading and debating topical issues.
- You need to be able to write detailed explanations so that you can focus on answering questions that examine issues of religion and ethics.

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

- Entry onto A level Religious Studies
- Entry onto any academic course post-16
- University courses of any kind

CAREERS

Any career requiring a graduate qualification e.g. Human Resources; the police force; the army; medical careers such as doctors, midwives or nurses; lawyers; journalists; educational careers, such as teaching; politics; social work; media careers et al.