

AQA AS & A Level Religious Studies

Course Overview

Religious Studies ensures pupils have a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical issues. The course features a variety of relevant and contemporary themes, such as life after death, animal ethics and the creation of the universe.

These topics help to inspire engaging classroom discussion and open pupil's minds to viewpoints that differ from their own. Pupils will gain critical and evaluative skills which are sought after by higher educational institutes and employers. The core religion studied is Christianity.

Course Content

Year 12

- Arguments for the existence of God.
- Evil and suffering.
- Religious experience.
- Religious language.
- Miracles.
- Self and life after death.
- The nature and function of religion.

Year 13

- Ethical theories.
- Issues of human life and death.
- Issues of animal life and death.
- Introduction to meta ethics.
- Free will and moral responsibility.
- Conscience.
- Bentham and Kant.

Assessment

2 x 3 hour written exam, each worth 100 marks and 50% of A-Level.

Component 1:

Philosophy and Ethics - 4 questions; 25 marks each (10 AO1 & 15 AO2)

Component 2:

Religion and Dialogues - 4 questions; 25 marks each

- 2 questions of AO1 and AO2
- 2 further 25 mark questions - 1 philosophy from a choice of 2 & 1 ethics from a choice of 2.



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Entry Requirements

Standard Level 3 entry requirements – at least 5 GCSEs A*-C (9-5) including English Language & Maths at a Grade 5 or above.

Progression

RS at A Level can lead to higher education courses in Philosophy, Religious Studies etc. It is a qualification that shows awareness of moral issues and is highly valued by many professional jobs sectors such as finance, teaching and journalism.

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