



Year 9 Options

GCSE Religious Studies



Year 9 Options | Welcome

GCSE RS is an interesting dive into the relevance of religious belief in the Twenty First century. You will study the key beliefs of two great religious traditions and how beliefs impact on key issues facing society today.

The course is suitable for followers of any or no religion. All you need is an open mind and willingness to argue. Your skill in writing and debating will develop throughout the course.

You will be taught by one of a team of qualified RS specialist with a proven record of excellent results, significantly above the UK average. For many of our students, RS is their best result!



Year 9 Options | Course content

Across Year 10 and 11 you will study the beliefs and teachings of Islam and Christianity, using sacred texts and religious authorities to evidence your learning. You will also study four key themes which further deepen and develop the learning you have been doing in Year 9. These are taught using beliefs from all religious traditions.

These themes are: Religion and Human Relationships (marriage, family, sexuality). Life (origins of the universe, origins of life, animal rights, abortion and euthanasia), Peace and Conflict (war, terrorism, protest, peacekeeping) and finally Crime and Punishment (Reasons for Crime, Types and reasons for punishments, the Death Penalty)

Full details at

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/subject-content> **Aspire Commit Succeed**



Year 9 Options | Assessment

You will be examined by two exams at the end of Year 11. Each exam is 1 hour and 45 minutes and consists of four questions.

Each one is exactly the same format as you have been practising in Year 9 (1,2,4, 5 and 12 marks) so you have a great head start!

There is no coursework.

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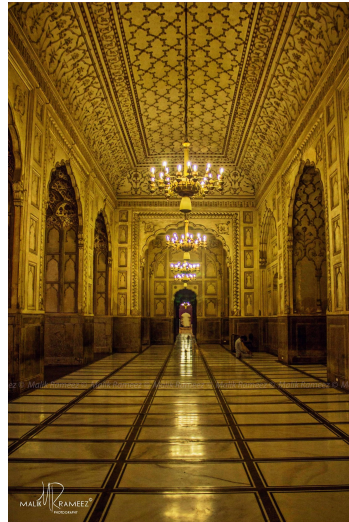
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Year 9 Options | Other info ...

There are two trips planned for the GCSE course into Central London to look at buildings of different religious traditions and gain a deeper insight into their beliefs and practices.

RS makes a great companion for people studying History, Geography, Sociology, Psychology, Art & Health and Social Care - learning from each is useful for the others!



What can you tell about the beliefs of the people who use these buildings just by looking at the pictures?

Illness, crime, war, execution. Is it ever right to take the life of a human being? What do you think? Why? Why do some people disagree with you?

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Year 9 Options | Career options

In the Sixth Form we offer a very popular A Level option in Religious Studies & Ethics. GCSE RS - because of its high level evaluative written work is also an excellent choice to support further studies in English, History and Politics at A Level.

Past students have gone on to prestigious universities - including Cambridge - to study Medicine, Law and Philosophy. An RS qualification is very highly regarded!



Year 9 Options | Questions?

Please speak to your RS teacher or email Mr. Slade directly for further details.