

Name of course	RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Examination Board	AQA A
<p>What is Religious Studies?</p> <p>Religious Studies is a lively and stimulating GCSE subject which provides a great opportunity for you to engage with and understand religious groups in our society and how their religion fits into modern life.</p> <p>Christianity is still the largest religion in the world and formed the historical basis for this country and many of the laws which govern it. Through understanding Christianity, you will gain an insight into the lives of a huge number of people on our planet and be able to explain and appreciate many of their cultural customs.</p> <p>Buddhism is the second religion that is studied and is in great contrast to the practices and beliefs of Christians, giving students a wide breadth of different traditions to learn about and consider.</p>	
<p>What skills will I learn?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An enquiring, inquisitive mind ● An ability to think and write down your thoughts logically ● The practice of philosophising, discussion and debate ● The willingness to listen to other people's point of view 	
<p>Content of the course</p> <p>Paper 1: Christianity & Buddhism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christian Beliefs ● Christian Practices and Customs ● Buddhism Beliefs ● Buddhist Practices and Customs <p>Paper 2: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice ● Religion and Life ● Religion, Peace and Conflict ● Religion, Crime and Punishment 	
<p>How will I be assessed?</p> <p>There is no coursework.</p> <p>Paper 1: Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes 50% of the qualification 96 marks + SPaG</p> <p>Paper 2: Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes 50% of the qualification 96 marks + SPaG</p>	
<p>Trips</p>	

We endeavour to run at least one trip and arrange the involvement of a number of speakers from the faith communities and other groups.

Resources

[AQA website](#)

GCSE Bitesize

Revision Guides

For further information, please contact Mrs Alison McMillan.