

PCHS Curriculum Information

Course Title: GCSE Philosophy and Ethics	Exam Board: AQA	Specification Code: 8062
How will students be assessed? At the end of the two year course, students will complete two 105 minute exams. Both exams are worth 50% of their final grade. There is no coursework. The first exam is 'Component One: The Study of Religions'. This will cover a range of religious beliefs and practices. These will include a comparison of Hindu and Christian ideas about God and gods or goddesses, the importance of pilgrimage and how it is performed, major festivals, and key texts. The second exam is 'Component Two: Thematic Studies', in which various philosophical and ethical issues will be studied from the perspective of some of the major world religions as well as atheistic groups. These will include views on family life, marriage and relationships, the existence and nature of God, religious attitudes to war, peace and conflict, as well as issues surrounding crime and punishment.		

KEY CONTENT
Half Term 1 The Study of Religions: • Introduction to the Course and Paper 1 • Christianity: Key Beliefs • Christianity: Salvation
Half Term 2 • Christianity: Worship and Festivals • Christianity: The Role of the Church
Half Term 3 • Christianity: Completion • Hinduism: The Nature of God and Existence
Half Term 4 • Hinduism: The Nature of Human Life
Half Term 5 • Hinduism: Worship and Festivals • Hinduism: Lifestyle
Half Term 6 The Study of Religions: • Exam Preparation and Exam Week • Introduction to Paper 2 and Year 11 content

