

AQA Advanced Level Religion and Ethics



Entry Requirements

Students should have achieved a minimum of 5 GCSEs including English (Please note that subjects can only be counted once); national data shows that this course is not suitable for students with an average GCSE points score of less than 36.8. Students do not have to have studied Religious Studies at GCSE Level. Whilst they should be interested in religious concepts and issues, no religious faith is required.

Course description

Religious Studies AS and A2 Level explore aspects of religious experience, faith, practice and attitudes. The portrayal of religious concepts in different media is also examined.

Year 12 AS Level

Module 1 Religion and Ethics - look at how people make moral judgements, especially in relation to abortion and euthanasia.

Module 2 Religion, Art and the Media - explore religious ideas in art, film, TV and the Internet.

Year 13 A Level

Module 3A Religion and Ethics- examine how free we are to make choices, focusing on sexual behaviour, animal rights and human rights

Module 4B Religion and the Visual Arts - investigate how art is used to portray religious themes such as heaven, hell, angels and demons.

Learning Style

A wide range of learning styles are catered for - students can expect to use discussion, research, individual tasks, teamwork, presentations and essay writing.

Assessment

AS Level:

For each module: 1hour 15 minute exam where students answer two essay questions from a choice of four.

A Level:

Module 3A 1 hour 30 minutes written examination. Two structured essay questions from a choice of four.

Module 4B 1 hour 30 minutes written examination. One extended essay.

Career Opportunities and Pathways

Here are some examples of jobs where a Religious Studies qualification may be useful:

Administrator, Advice Worker, Counsellor, Housing Adviser, Journalist, Librarian, Minister of Religion, Social Worker, Teacher, Youth & Community Worker.

The ethical considerations are also important for those considering careers in Medical or Veterinary Practices.

Subject staff to contact for further information

Mrs C Lester-Holman at Blake Valley
Mrs L Bedford or Miss C Bull at Kingsmead
Mrs S Merry at Norton Canes