

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The majority of pupils in Year 10 and 11 study a full GCSE course in Religious Studies. The full course followed is the Edexcel Religious Studies Specification B. The course, Beliefs in Action, gives pupils the opportunity to study the relationship between Religion and Ethics. The second unit gives pupils the opportunity to study the relationship between Religion, Peace and Conflict, especially in the UK. It enables them to consider religious and other responses to moral issues. It also gives pupils an opportunity to respond to such fundamental questions such as the meaning and purpose of life.

The course is divided into two sections. Section one is Religion and Ethics and section two is Religion, Peace and Conflict. Both are examined at the end of Year 11. The result of both examinations make up the final grade. There is no coursework.

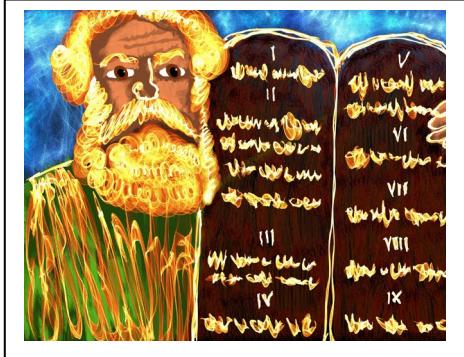
Some pupils will take a GCSE short course in Religious Studies. The short course followed is the AQA Specification. This means that they will cover less content than the full course. However, they will still be able to achieve the full range of GCSE grades from 9 to 1.

Course Outline

Year 10: Religion and Ethics & Religion, Peace and Conflict	Year 11: Religion and Ethics & Religion, Peace and Conflict
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Beliefs • Marriage and the Family • Jewish Beliefs • Peace and Conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living the Jewish Life • Crime and Punishment • Living the Christian Life • Matters of Life and Death

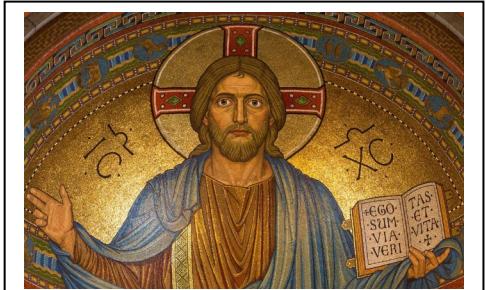
Assessment – GCSE Full Course

Examination	Paper	Mark
Religion and Ethics	Paper 1 1¾ hours	50%
Religion, Peace and Conflict	Paper 2 1¾ hours	50%



Assessment – GCSE Short Course

Examination	Paper	Mark
Section A: The study of religions	1¾ hours	100%
Section B: Religious, philosophical and ethical studies		



Please contact Mr. D. M. Birks if you would like further guidance.