# GCSE Religious Studies



### Does Science prove religion wrong?



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### What qualities do I need to be happy & successful at GCSE?

- Independent learner heavy on HW (if homework isn't your thing then perhaps consider a subject less dependent on working at home)
- **Decent attitude** if your A2L was 3 or 4 at KS3 then is this really going to change?

### Is this the right course for you?

This is 'Religious Studies' with greater emphasis on more modern issues such as abortion, euthanasia and Science vs. Religion.

A rewarding albeit challenging subject which leads to a greater understanding of others views & the development of one's own allied to an ability to justify/argue it.

### Are you ...

Genuinely interested in the views of religions, positive about working hard to achieve, independent, able to record notes quickly & neatly?

#### Why choose this course?

- If you would like to begin formulating your own opinions about todays issues e.g. war, abortion, euthanasia etc..
- If you are curious to explore the most challenging issues
- If you are interested in the views of Christianity & Islam

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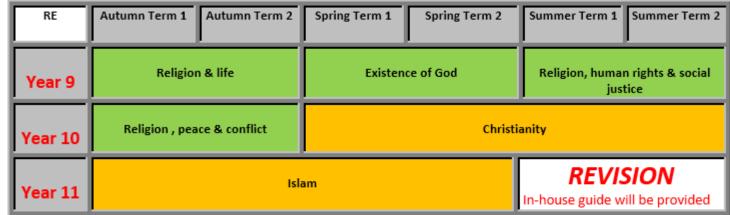


Why is there evil in the world?

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How is learning structured & supported...

1. Programme of study...



2. Personalised Learning checklist for each topic...

3. HW tasks...

What some of the current students are saying:

'It covers the most interesting issues out there'

'I understand more about Islam'

'My views have been challenged & I consider why I believe certain things'





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### Is war ever right?



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**Exam Board**: AQA Religious Studies Spec A

**Timetable**: 5 hours over 2 weeks

**HW** : Approx 1 hour per week

**Equipment**: Textbook (for use in class & at home)

Field Trips : Visit to an abattoir & a mosque

#### **Course Content**

Pupils study for the full course GCSE starting in Year 9. Two units are studied with 5 lessons per fortnight, over a 3 year period.

<u>Component 1</u>: The study of religion covers **Christianity** and **Islam**.

<u>Component 2</u>: **Thematic studies** covers topics including arguments for/against the existence of God, evil & suffering, science & religion, euthanasia, human rights, war & peace etc.

#### **Assessment**

Assessments throughout the year are designed to help familiarize pupils with the exam format, mark schemes and to monitor attainment & progress – these are based on past exam papers.

The written examination consists of **TWO** papers.

<u>Paper 1</u> (1 hr 45 minutes) – **Component 1**: The study of religions (50%).

Paper 2 (1 hr 45 minutes) – Component 2: Thematic studies (50%).