



Religious Studies

What is the exam board and route?

Eduqas Religious Studies: Ethics, Philosophy & Theology

Subject Entry Requirements: Grade 6 in GCSE RP or in a GCSE Humanities subject e.g., Geography, History advised.

Subject outline

A Level RS comprises a study of theological, ethical, and philosophical developments in religion.

We focus on the Christian tradition, looking at issues such as the nature of, and arguments for, God; whether Jesus was a social revolutionary; challenges to religious faith from evil and suffering and New Atheism; religious language; the nature of religious and secular ethics.

How is the course assessed?

3 exams of 2 hours each, one per paper

Why study this subject?

A Level Religious Studies is taught exclusively by specialists in all three papers in dedicated teaching rooms. Pupils are challenged to think deeply about complex issues such as the relationship between language and reality, what makes an action right or wrong, and how literally scripture might be interpreted. Over the two years of A Level boys are taught to recognise strong arguments, to use scholarship to bolster their views, and to actively engage with independent reading - all fundamental skills for university and beyond. Past pupils have gone on to read subjects as diverse as Law, PPE, Medicine, History, Drama, and Mathematics.

Complementary subjects

RS complements any subject, but boys who study the Sciences, History, Psychology, or Politics might find it a particular fit.

Possible careers

Skills and knowledge taught in RS are of particular interest in Law, Medicine, the Civil Service, Journalism, Media, Advertising.

Subject enrichment available

- Philosophy Society
- Essay competitions

