

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

QUALIFICATION	GCSE
EXAMINING BOARD	AQA
CONTACT TEACHER	Mrs Smale
LESSONS PER FORTNIGHT	5

What you will learn?		
Component 1a: Christian Beliefs and Practices	Component 1b: Muslims Beliefs and Practices	Component 2: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical studies in the Modern World
<p>Christian Beliefs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of God Creation Jesus Christ The afterlife <p>Christian Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Pilgrimage Festivals The Church in local community The Worldwide Church 	<p>Muslim Beliefs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of Allah Angels Life after death Prophethood Holy books <p>Muslim Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Five Pillars Pilgrimage Jihad Festivals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationships and Families Religion and Life Existence of God and Revelation Crime and Punishment

Course Overview
<p>Religious Studies helps students to adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to religion and moral issues. Students are encouraged to explore a number of beliefs, reflect on fundamental questions and respond personally to them.</p> <p>By studying Religious Studies students will enhance their personal, social and cultural development, their understanding of different cultures locally, nationally and in the wider world, and contribute to social and community cohesion.</p> <p>Students will also hopefully develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, the study of religion, and relate it to the wider world. Perhaps the most important feature of the course however, is that students can reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in light of their learning.</p>

Assessment			
Overview			
Component 1	Paper 1a: Christian Beliefs and Practices	25%	End of Year 11
	Paper 1b: Muslim Beliefs and Practices	25%	End of Year 11
Component 2	Paper 2: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical studies in the Modern World.	50%	End of Year 11

Components 1 & 2:

- Question 1:** Multiple choice (1 mark).
- Question 2:** Short answer where you are asked for two facts (2 marks).
- Question 3:** Explaining question where you are asked for either two ways that a believer might be influenced by their beliefs or two contrasting ways in which religion is practiced or two contrasting beliefs about contemporary British Society (4 marks).
- Question 4:** Explaining question where you are asked for two religious beliefs or two religious practices or two religious beliefs about a philosophical or ethical issue with reference to a scripture or sacred writing (5 marks).
- Question 5:** There will be a statement given for you to evaluate. To gain 12 marks you need to give a well-argued response, reasoned consideration of different points of view or reason leading to a judgement supported by knowledge and understanding (12 marks).

What pupils say

Positives:
"It is good learning how people of different religions perceive how to act in today's society."

Be aware of:
"You will need to be able to refer to the religious texts from memory."

Qualities needed to do well:
"It requires effort to be able to remember key dates and memorise key moments of religion."

Careers and Pathways
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Level religious studies Degree in religious studies/theology Media Law Social work Journalism Education Police