



Why take GCSE RS?

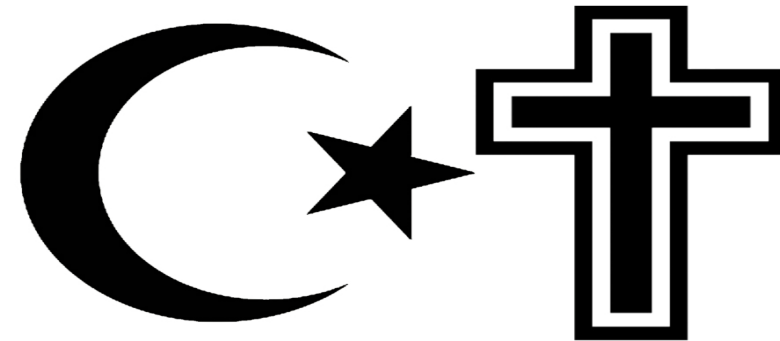
RS AQA GCSE- The Course



The course is split in to two parts:

PAPER ONE: The study of Religions

- Christian Beliefs
- Christian Practices
- Islam Beliefs
- Islam Practices



PAPER TWO: Thematic Studies

- Crime and Punishment
- Peace and Conflict
- Religion and Life
- Relationships and the Family



How will I get my grade?

- **100% exam**
- **2 exams – 1 hour 45 minutes in the May of Year 11**

SILENCE
PLEASE

PUBLIC EXAMS
IN PROGRESS



Is there a life after death?



Should Christians convert others?



Is there any evidence Jesus lived?



Should Christians help the poor?

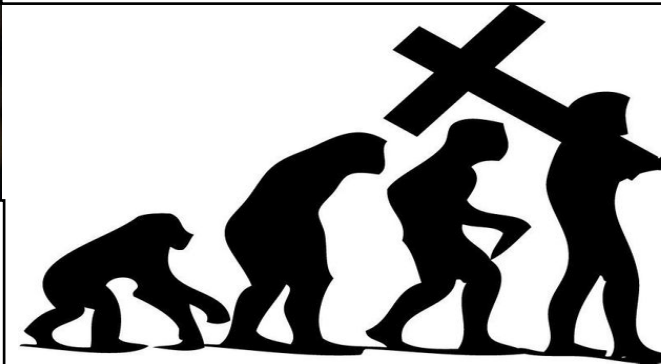
Can science and religion work together?



Are Christians persecuted?



Should we baptise babies?



Would God allow evil and suffering?

Christian Beliefs and Practices



What does it mean to be a Muslim living in the UK today?



Why are there two different groups in Islam?

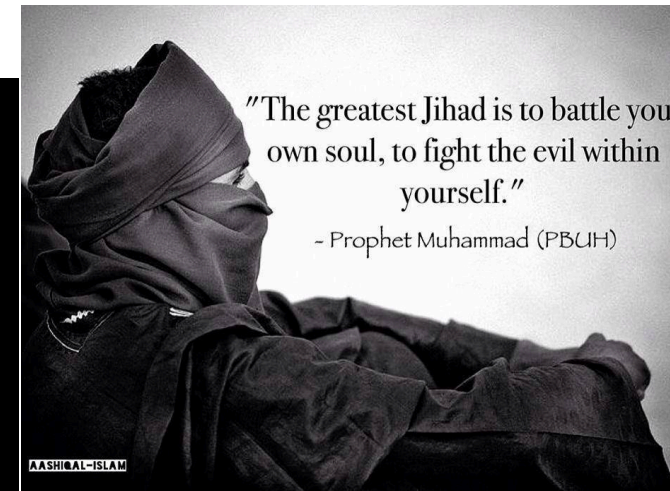
How hard is it for a Muslim to fast in Ramadan?



Should Muslims have to give to charity?

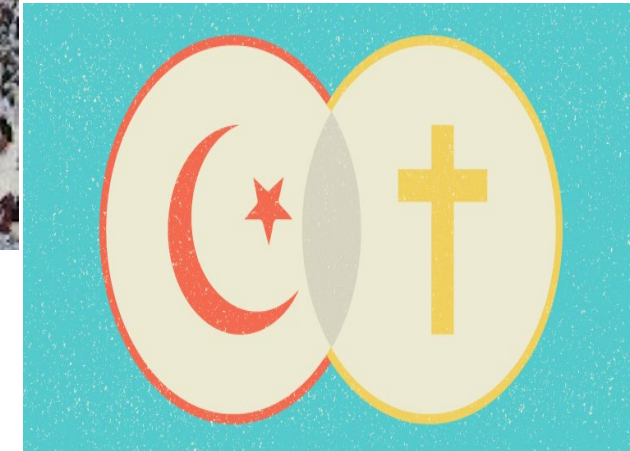


Why do Muslims visit Mecca once in a life time?



What is Jihad?

Do Christianity and Islam have more similarities than differences?



Why do Muslims pray 5 times a day?



Islam beliefs and Practices



**Does community service
stop people reoffending?**

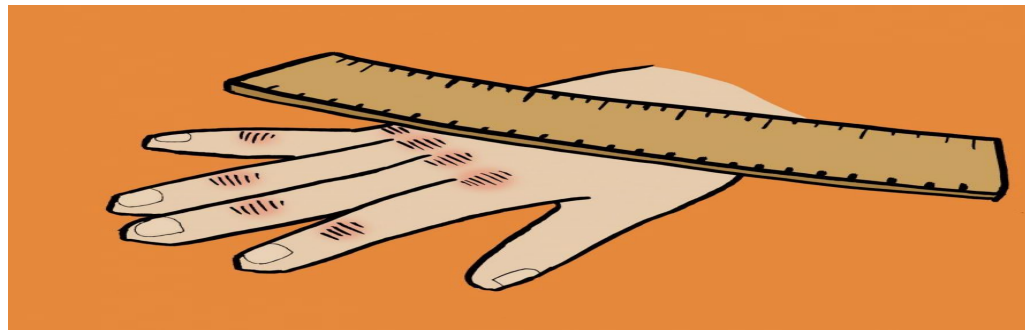


Does prison work?

**Can all criminals be
forgiven?**



**Should criminals be physically
hurt?**



**Should we bring back
the death penalty?**



**Why do people commit
crimes?**

Crime and Punishment

Global Day of Protest

Saturday, January 25

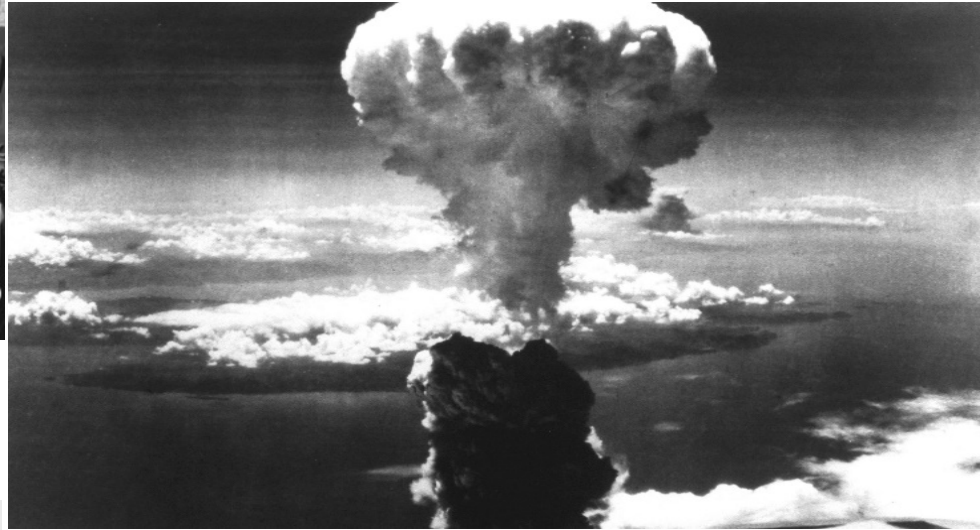
No War On Iran!

Is it ever right to go to war?



Is it sometimes okay to use violence in protest?

Is it ever right to use a nuclear weapon?



Can there be rules in war?



Can there ever be world peace?



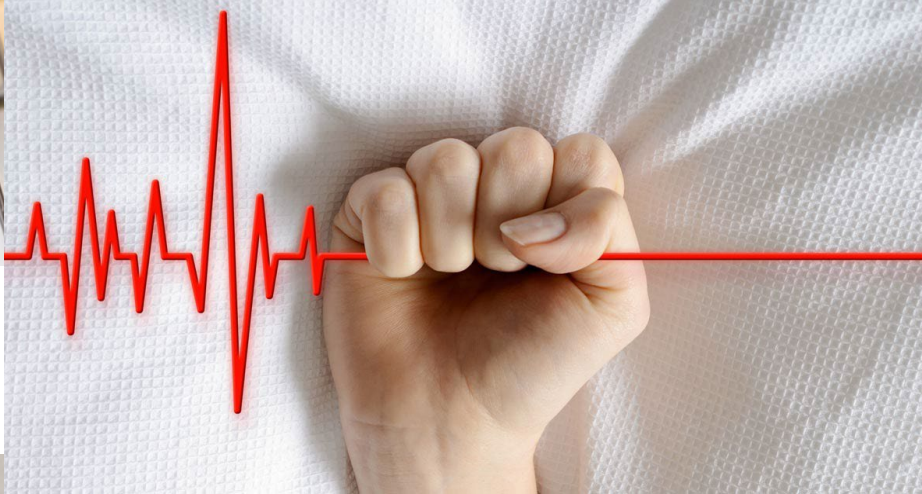
What is terrorism?

Peace and Conflict



Is it ever right to test on animals?

Should people be able to choose when to die?



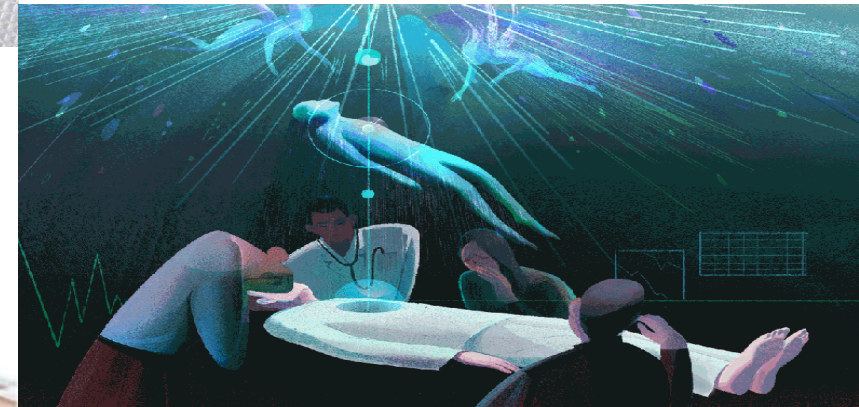
Is it okay to eat meat?



Do Christians have a special duty to stop pollution?



Is abortion acceptable in all circumstances?



Is there a life after death?

Religion and Life



What does Christian teach about different sexualities?

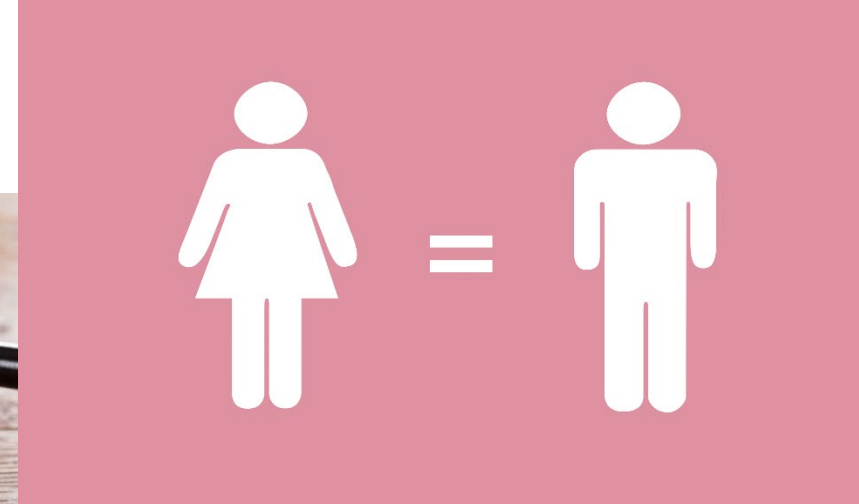


Why are some religious people opposed to contraception?

Why have divorce rates risen?



How is the family changing?



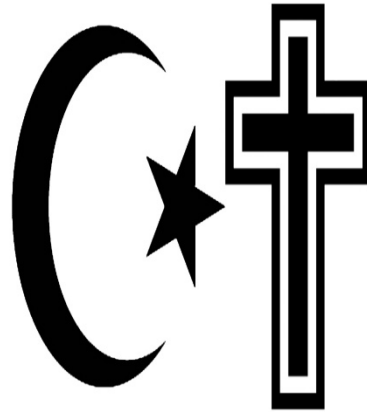
Are men and equal today?



Are humans meant to be monogamous?

Relationships and the Family

Why should you take GCSE RS?



1. We get brilliant results!!

- For three consecutive years we got the highest number of grade 9's in the school
- In previous years 25% of the cohort have gained grades 9-8 and 40% of the whole cohort gained grades 9-7



**2. We have trained examiners in
the department who work for
AQA**



3. RS allows you to be challenged in your thinking about the universe, life and everything!




4. It helps you to appreciate the impact of religion in the modern world.




5. It encourages you to think about your own beliefs and decide what you think is important in your life.

Do you believe in God?

	Total	Yes	No
World stats 	118354	46%	54%
Europe	75986	45%	55%
Middle East	619	65%	35%
Asia	2676	48%	52%
Caribbean	312	63%	37%
Africa	349	79%	21%
South America	9218	54%	46%
Oceania	1318	29%	71%
Central America	2947	65%	35%
North America	24909	44%	56%

Yes

No

Your country	Total	Yes	No
 United States	21896	45%	55%

6) It helps you understand other people's behaviour, both at school and in your jobs in the future.



7) It develops important key skills that are transferable to other subjects..

- Analysis
- Logic
- Reasoning
- Empathy
- Critical evaluation
- Literacy & Expression
- Negotiation



8) It can lead to loads of jobs!!



Law
Social services
Emergency services
Armed forces
Medicine
Finance
Journalism
Politics
Teaching
Engineering
Finance
Research posts



A job in medicine relates to RS because...

- Doctors & Nurses need a firm **understanding of medical ethics** and many religious teachings have a direct influence on their job:
 - Abortion
 - Euthanasia
 - Organ Transplants
 - Blood Transfusions
 - Genetic



A job in the police relates to RS because...

- **Police Officers need to have a good understanding of multi-faith and multi-cultural issues in order to do an effective job.**
- **They must show tolerance & understanding and be against prejudice & discrimination.**
- **Many UK laws are based on Christian laws & teachings!**



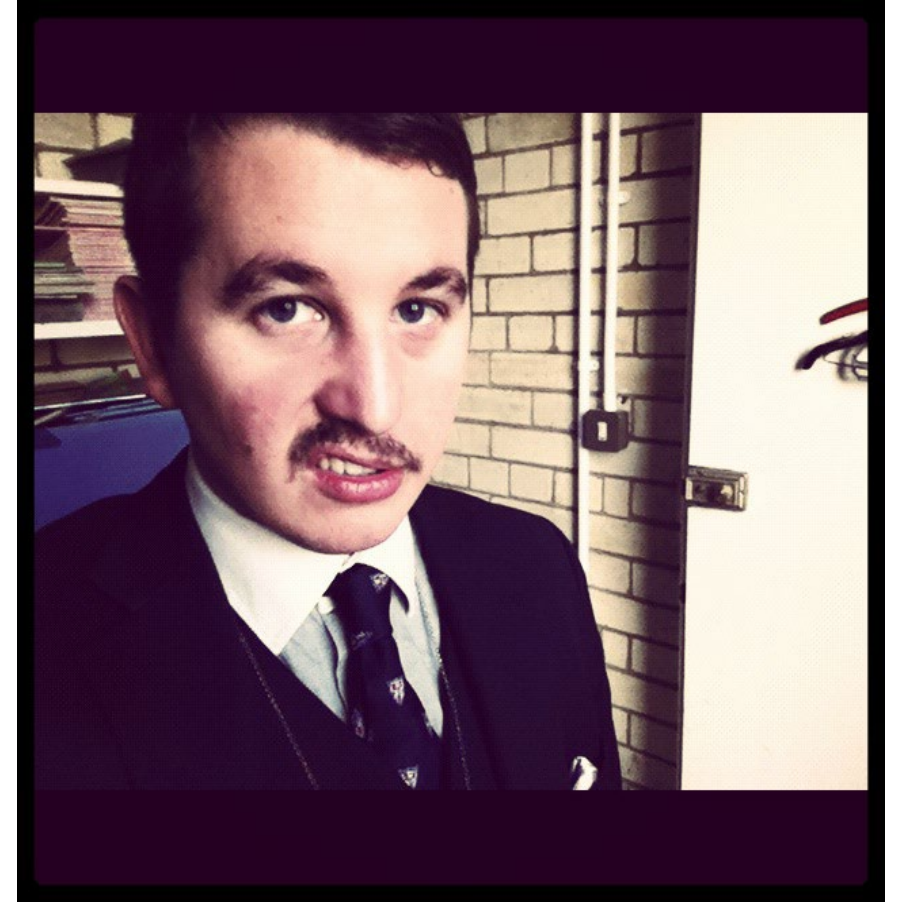
A job as a lawyer relates to RS because...

- Lawyers & Judges must study Religion & Law as part of their training.
- Religion has influenced most of the **laws in the UK**, and also in other countries. They must have a good knowledge of religious beliefs & teachings as this may affect how a person lives and acts; they should also have a **good knowledge of moral issues** and ethics.
- It is vital that a lawyer is **free from prejudice** as they must **treat everyone equally**.



A job as a teacher relates to RS because...

- A teacher will usually encounter students and parents of all **different races & religions** and should be free from prejudice.
- Teachers should have a good understanding of **religious beliefs & teachings** as they should be able to **encourage and empathise** with students and their lives.



A job as a social worker relates to RS because...

- Social Workers must have a good understanding of **religious and cultural issues** in order to **understand** and **empathise** with the people they are entrusted to help.
- Religion and **culture** affect all aspects of life, from birth to death, in the home and at work. All social workers must be **free from prejudice** and must treat everyone with respect and equally!



A job in the army relates to RS because...

- The Armed Forces, especially the Army, should have a clear understanding of religious and cultural issues.
- When the Armed Forces are deployed overseas, to protect civilians in war-torn areas, they should have an understanding and empathy of their culture and differences.



Remember this...

- Choose your optional subjects because you think you'll be **good** at them, **and** that they will **interest** you
- Don't choose subjects because you want to be with a best friend or an inspirational teacher - your friendship may not last and the inspirational teacher may leave!



Any questions??

