



KIRKHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Examination Board: Eduqas – Route A

A GCSE in Religious Studies is a valuable and useful qualification. It promotes positive awareness of World Religions and looks at the diverse and pluralistic society in which we live. It also promotes discussion and debate in a wider philosophical and ethical context. The course does not assume religious belief and will equally suit pupils from a faith background and those with no religious faith. The course is academic, not confessional and will develop critical analysis, independent thought and evaluation.

Course – There are THREE components to study

Component 1 – Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World

Theme 1: Relationships (Concepts studied – marriage, adultery, divorce, cohabitation, commitment, contraception, gender equality, responsibilities, roles)

Theme 2: Life and Death (Concepts studied – afterlife, environmental sustainability, euthanasia, evolution, abortion, quality of life, sanctity of life, soul)

Theme 3: Good and Evil (Concepts studied – good/evil, forgiveness, free will, justice, morality, punishment, sin, suffering)

Theme 4: Human Rights (Concepts studied – censorship, discrimination, extremism, human rights, personal conviction, prejudice, relative and absolute poverty, social justice)

These themes will be taught from a Christian perspective, with particular emphasis on denominational differences. Non-religious /secular views and humanism will be looked at.

This is 50% of the course.

Component 2 – Christianity

Pupils will study the beliefs, teaching and practices of Christianity

This is 25% of the course

Component 3 – A study of a world religion

Pupils will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of Islam

This is 25% of the course. There is no controlled assessment or coursework with this subject. It is 100% exam.