

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

EXAM BOARD: AQA

QUALIFICATION: GCSE (9 – 1)

# Options 19



## 100% EXAMINATION

Two exam papers:  
1hr 45mins worth 50% each



## FURTHER EDUCATION

Religious Studies and Ethics is a great gateway to further and higher education courses in Religious Studies, Philosophy, Divinity, Theology, Sociology, Psychology and Humanities.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This is a suitable course for those considering a future in Education, Law, Social Services, Media and The Arts.



## AQA WEBSITE

Click on the link above to download full specification/s.

## WHAT IS THIS COURSE ABOUT?

This course is designed to develop your knowledge and understanding of two of the major world religions - Christianity and Islam - as well as some of the most challenging and interesting moral issues of the world today.

The course covers two key components:

- 1) The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices
- 2) Thematic studies

The themes we study are:

- Animal rights • Euthanasia • Suicide
- Crime and punishment • Capital punishment
- Environmental issues • War
- Racial and gender issues • Poverty
- Marriage and family • Sexuality and sexual issues

It is also likely that you will study two sections from a religious text in detail to explore religious attitudes and beliefs.

## WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

**Critical Thinking:** Learn how to analyse, consider, review and evaluate key concepts and issues to make your thinking clearer and more focused.

**Empathy:** Imagining someone else's viewpoint - a skill highly valued by employers and colleges.

**Discussion/Oral Skills:** Learn to debate, analyse, share and exchange points of views.

**Tolerance:** Learn to understand other people's beliefs, values and perspectives - another skill highly valued by employers and colleges.

**Extended Writing:** Develop your knowledge and understanding into critical exam skills to boost your grades.