

Religious Studies

What is this course about?

The GCSE Religious Studies course allows students to study two religions, integrated with the key philosophical and ethical issues facing the local, national and international community. The course allows the two religions to be studied to be brought to life as well as exploring different viewpoints within religions.

What skills will students gain?

You will experience a wide range of teaching and learning techniques throughout the course, including role-play, ICT and class discussion and debate.

You will learn to express your opinion with confidence and to consider a range of views.

What skills are needed?

A desire to take part in discussions and to consider other students' and people's opinions.

You also need to be able to analyse and interpret information, which involves thinking for yourself about why people say the things they say about events. It is very helpful to be inquisitive. You need to be able to explain, justify and defend your own ideas, so the ability to argue and debate constructively with other people is very helpful. The ability (and self-confidence) to "speak your mind" and "say how you know" will help you.

How is this course assessed?

Paper 1: 50% Of Total Grade.

Religion and Ethics

- Beliefs
- Marriage and the family
- Living the religious life
- Matters of life and death

Paper 2: 50% of total grade.

Religion Peace and Conflict – Islam

- Beliefs
- Crime and punishment
- Living the religious life
- Peace and conflict

Qualification Received: GCSE

Grade Range: 9 - 1

What career or further education opportunities does this course lead to?

The study of religion at GCSE is a fantastic opportunity to critically examine religion and decide if you think religious belief has been a positive or negative force in the world. You will also have the opportunity to touch upon some philosophy and sociology which are exciting A-level subjects offered in Longcroft's Sixth Form. Philosophy is held in high regard in many of the top universities throughout the world.