

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## AS & A Level

### This subject will suit you if:

- You are a critical thinker who likes to argue and debate.
- You have an interest in the belief systems of other people.
- You enjoy considering ethical dilemmas and can analyse different points of views.
- You can empathise with others views and put forward a balanced evaluation.

Religious Studies at A level is designed to focus upon an in depth study of a world religion as well as an exploration of the ethical and philosophical issues which are topical and current in today's society.

You do not have to be religious to study A level religious studies but you do have to be prepared to question and evaluate religious and secular opinion. Be prepared to have your own views challenged and to conduct and present your own research into matters that interest you.



### What You'll Study

#### Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion

- Nature and influence of religious experience
- Problems of evil and suffering
- Design argument
- Cosmological argument

#### Paper 2: Religion and Ethics

- Situation Ethics
- War & Peace
- Sexual Ethics
- Equality

#### Paper 4: Study of a Religion (Islam)

- 5 Pillars
- The Qur'an
- The Ummah
- The meaning and significance of Prophet Muhammad

Along the way, we will be asking some hard questions –

- "Are we free?"
- "What is a good person?"
- "Is there such a thing as truth?"
- "Is all life valuable?"

We use a variety of learning experiences on the course including; discussion, seminars and presentations by students; structured note taking; groups problem solving, etc.

**If you like this subject you may like:**

Philosophy, Sociology, Psychology, Ancient History, History & English Literature.

### Additional Entry Requirements

Minimum grade B in English

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### Ideas for Progression

There is a wide range of interesting careers that will lead from A level Religious Studies, apart from an academic qualification for university. Some examples of the jobs that could be followed after this course are:-

- teaching
- social work
- government and politics
- counselling
- management

A Level Religious Studies is also a very acceptable entry qualification to Higher Education. It is also of interest to students who are thinking of studying medicine at University. The skills developed will be of use in other academic courses and in vocational degrees such as journalism, media studies, social work, counselling, nursing and the care professions.



### Why I chose Religious Studies Maham

"There are many things that make Religious Studies the most interesting subject to today's generation. Firstly in a multi faith society it is interesting to go into detail at other religious beliefs. Secondly it also enables you to consider other perspectives in detail while allowing you to give your own opinion and share your thoughts about a particular topic through discussions and debates. It also give you a better knowledge about the world today as it looks at the most controversial topics in society such as Abortion & Euthanasia. The Religious Studies staff at Parrs Wood Sixth Form encourage you to get your best grade possible while being caring and understanding at the same time."

### Why I chose Religious Studies ~ Theo

"RS is one of my favourite subjects. I chose it to broaden my understanding of religions. It is a fun lesson because we talk in depth about a wide range of topics and I like the fact that all views are treated with respect. The staff are very helpful and knowledgeable and it is obvious that they care about us achieving our best by how they motivate us throughout the year. I would recommend this course to anyone interested in religions"



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