



# GCSE Religious Studies

- CORE COMPULSORY
- NON-QUALIFICATION
- OPTION
- EBACC SUBJECT

Examination board **AQA**

Course code **4055**

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## Course description

You started your RE GCSE in Year 9. You will complete the two units outlined below over the course of Years 9, 10 and 11. At the end of Year 11 you will sit two exams and receive a full GCSE.

### Religion and Life Issues

This unit will encourage you to reflect upon religion and life, including animal life and environmental issues, prejudice, the right to life and war and peace. You will consider these life issues from different perspectives and learn to argue your own opinion in a logical and reasoned way.

You will cover five topics:

- religion and animal rights
- religion and planet earth
- religion and prejudice
- religion and early life
- religion, war and peace.

### Religion and Morality

During this unit you are encouraged to reflect upon issues to do with right and wrong within society. You will consider these life issues from different perspectives and learn to argue your own opinion in a logical and reasoned way.

You will cover four topics:

- religious attitudes towards medical ethics
- religious attitudes towards the elderly and death
- religious attitudes towards crime and punishment
- religious attitudes towards world poverty.

## Entry requirements

This is part of the core curriculum so all students study a full GCSE.

## Key skills

Enquiry, communication, evaluation, empathy, independent learning, extended writing.

## Cost

A revision guide will be provided, however any replacements for lost guides will need to be paid for at a cost of £1.

There is no need to buy any textbooks, however if you wish to they are:

- Religion and Life AQA B (Hodder Education) £16 ISBN 978-0340983652
- Religion and Morality AQA B (Hodder Education) £16 ISBN 978-0340983669

## Assessment

100 % Exams (2 x 1 ½ hour papers in Summer of Year 11)

At the end of each unit you will complete an internal assessment and complete practice questions.

## Careers

Teacher, Social Worker, Human Resources, Youth Worker, Lawyer. The understanding and skills developed are of value in many career areas.

## Further education opportunities

You will receive a full GCSE. This will be a valuable addition to any college application; however some of you may choose to go on to study A Levels in any of the Social Sciences, for example Sociology, Psychology or Law. You might also choose to continue your Religious Studies by taking a Philosophy and Ethics A Level. Some of you may also go on to complete a Level 3 BTEC in Health and Social Care.

## Enrichment & Support

- Revision support sessions.
- Revision Guide provided free of charge.
- Revision materials on the VLE.