

## Future Prospects

Religious Studies is all about people.

You will learn more about yourself and your own views, beliefs and attitudes to many different parts of our lives as well as developing your understanding of why others may hold different views, beliefs and attitudes.

You will develop a wide range of skills valuable to an incredibly diverse range of future careers, such as critical evaluation, analysis, and debating.

Studying Religious Studies can lead to careers such as law, journalism, management, social work and youth work. These are all careers which require you to understand the motivations of others, as well as to be able to analyse and evaluate their behaviours.

Studying Religious Studies is a great way to develop skills which you will use when completing A-Levels, and is seen as a great “enabling” subject which can be used to support almost any future courses or career which you may wish to embark upon.



# GCSE Religious Studies

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## How will this course help me?

The Edexcel GCSE Religious Studies course encourages students to:

- Discuss the philosophy and ethics of a range of belief structures, and to critically evaluate these in addition to your personal beliefs.
- Develop knowledge and skills to engage in debate and discussion about life in modern society.
- Develop understanding of religious and non-religious beliefs such as humanism and atheism.

This means that there is a lot of reflection and discussion in GCSE Religious Studies, as well as a focus on developing your own views, beliefs and attitudes.

Past students have said that they liked having time and space to think about big issues which are relevant to them such as the meaning of life and how we came to be.

It is a fantastic subject for anyone considering a future career in law, management, social work, journalism and counselling as it will inspire you to challenge commonly held beliefs and misconceptions, as well as providing you with understanding of why other people may hold different beliefs and attitudes to those you hold.



## How will I be assessed?

There are 3 written papers taken at the end of the course:

### Paper 1: Study of Religion 1 (Christianity) 50%

Students will be expected to answer questions about the beliefs, teaching and practices of Christianity.

Questions will cover a wide range of topics such as; beliefs about God, the importance of Jesus, why Christians pray and what Christian pilgrimage involves.

### Paper 2: Study of Religion 2: (Islam) 25%

Students will be expected to answer questions about the beliefs, teaching and practices of a religion, which is **NOT** Christianity.

Questions will again cover a wide range of topics around themes such as; worship, prayer and pilgrimage.

### Paper 3: Philosophical and Ethics (Christianity) 25%

Students will answer questions around two themes through a Christian perspective:

- The existence of God
- Marriage and the family

