

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

GCSE



Examination Board: AQA
Subject Leader(s): Mr T Muirhead



Course Structure

Unit	Topics/Unit Title	Assessment	Weighting(%)
1	Christianity	1 hour 45 minutes exam	50%
	Islam		
2	Thematic Studies / Ethics	1 hour 45 minutes exam	50%

What does the course involve?

1. Beliefs, teachings and practices of:

- Christianity
- Islam

This involves analysing and evaluating elements of the Christian and Islamic faiths

2. Thematic studies:

This involves analysing, evaluating and arguing about:

- Religion, peace and conflict.
- Religion, crime and punishment.
- Religion, human rights and social justice.
- Religion & life (euthanasia, abortion, environmental ethics, origins of the universe)

Further Study/Employment Prospects

Religious Studies develops students who have a critical eye for an argument and can develop supported and justified evaluations. RS develops a greater understanding of others as well as ourselves. It is an excellent pathway to studying Philosophy at A-Level and other Arts courses at college and university.

It tackles the big questions of life and is for students who like to reflect on themselves, others attitudes and the world around them.

Students who have studied RS at HCCS have gone on to study Law, Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Journalism to name just a few. We have had a consistent number of students going on to study at Russell Group universities.

Skills you will develop

- Their knowledge, understanding and analysis of religious and moral perspectives.
- Their ability to evaluate, argue and use evidence.