

**Subject: Religious Studies**

**Qualification: GCSE**

**Exam Board: Eduqas**

**Specification Code: C120QS**



### Who is the course for?



GCSE Religious Studies gives students a stronger understanding of religious teachings and practices from a variety of faiths. Students will engage with questions of belief, value and purpose from a religious and non religious viewpoint.

### What will I learn?

The course will help you to learn about the approaches of religion and philosophy to some of the fundamental questions about human existence, such as why are we here? Is there a God? Why is there evil in the world? You will look at ethics in areas such as medicine and in relation to poverty, wealth as well as causes of crime and aims of punishment. The specification explores areas such as relationships, human rights, the origins of life and death along with the problem of suffering in our world.

You will study beliefs, teaching and practices from two religious perspectives, Christianity and Sikhism. Component 1 explores philosophical and ethical studies affecting our world today, from both a religious and non religious perspective. All students will be required to consider their own views as part of the evaluative questions and these may be religious or non-religious. The course will allow you to develop knowledge and understanding of religions, non-religious beliefs such as atheism and humanism as well as develop your critical thinking skills in relation to issues affecting our society today.

### How will I be assessed?



The Religious Studies GCSE is assessed through three written papers. These are:

**1. Component 1: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical studies in the modern world.**

50% of GCSE, 120 marks plus 6 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar

**2. Component 2: Study of Christianity**

25% of GCSE, 60 marks plus 6 for spelling, punctuation and grammar

**3. Component 3: Study of a world faith (Sikhism).**

**25% of GCSE, 60 marks**

**Tiers of Entry:** One Tier of entry

### How can I progress with this qualification?

**QEGS**

GCSE  
Religious Studies



**QEGS Sixth Form or  
6th Form College**

AS/A Level  
Philosophy & Ethics



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University, College, Police,  
Counsellor, Law, Medicine,  
Nursing, Social Work, Youth  
Work, Education, Peace Corps,  
Amnesty International, or any  
career which requires an  
understanding of people