

**Subject: Religious Studies**

**Qualification: GCSE**

**Exam Board: OCR**

**Specification Code: J625**



### **Who is the course for?**



All students study GCSE Religious Studies. A GCSE in Religious Studies will enable you to gain a qualification which builds on the knowledge you have gained throughout your school life.

### **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 different philosophies and also learn about ethics in areas such as medicine and in relation to peace and justice, poverty and wealth. The specification includes exciting content and explores areas such as relationships and families, peace and conflict, belief in God and non-religious belief.

The course is split into two components. In the first component you will study beliefs, teaching and practices from two religious perspectives allowing for a comparative study. The second component is Philosophy and Ethics in the modern world from one religious perspective (Christianity) in order to gain a deeper understanding, and explore Philosophy and ethical studies in the world. You will study the impact on individuals, communities both locally and globally, being able to support your answers with reference to the teachings, sacred texts, beliefs and attitudes. All students will be required to consider their own views as part of the evaluative questions and these may be religious or non-religious. Studying RS will allow you to develop knowledge and understanding of religions, non-religious beliefs such as atheism, humanism and secularism.

### **How will I be assessed?**



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

**1. Beliefs, teachings and practices** (study of two religions):

Judaism: 25% of GCSE, 63 marks 1 hour written paper

Christianity: 25% of GCSE, 63 marks 1 hour written paper.

**2. Religion, Philosophy and ethics in the modern world from a religious perspective (Christianity):** 50% of GCSE, 126 marks, 2 hour written paper.

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

### **How can I progress with this qualification?**

