



## Religious Studies A Level

Length of Course: **2 Years**

Specification: **OCR**

Number of Lessons per Week: **6**

Entry Qualifications: **Five Grades 9-5 at GCSE including Religious Education or English Grade 6**

**The Religious Studies A level course gives you the opportunity to study some of the fundamental questions which people have always asked about:**

- Why are we here?
- How should we behave?
- What happens to us when we die?
- How do religious believers explain and explore their beliefs?

### Course Content:

Component 1: Philosophy of Religion	Component 2: Religion and Ethics	Component 3: Developments in Christian Thought
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancient Philosophical Influences</li> <li>• Soul, mind and body</li> <li>• Arguments for and against the existence of God</li> <li>• Religious Experience</li> <li>• The problem of evil</li> <li>• The nature of God</li> <li>• Religious Language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Law</li> <li>• Situation Ethics</li> <li>• Kantian Ethics</li> <li>• Utilitarianism</li> <li>• Euthanasia</li> <li>• Business Ethics</li> <li>• Conscience</li> <li>• Sexual Ethics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Augustine's teaching on human nature</li> <li>• Death and the afterlife</li> <li>• The person of Jesus Christ</li> <li>• Religious pluralism and theology</li> <li>• Gender and theology</li> <li>• The challenge of secularism</li> <li>• Liberation theology</li> </ul>

Colleges and universities place great value on this Religious Studies course as it helps develop thinking and analytical skills, the ability to develop and structure an argument, textual analysis and it fosters independent thinking.

This course complements a variety of other A Level courses including English, History, Sociology, Geography, Drama, Languages, Psychology and the course also supports those who study the sciences, particularly those who wish to follow a career in Medicine.

This course is available to people of any religious belief, or none. You do not have to be religious to succeed in Religious Studies.

