

Religious Studies

PLEASE CONSULT: Mrs Cowles/Miss Assinder

TITLE OF SYLLABUS: EDUQAS Religious Studies

QUALIFICATION: GCSE

GRADE RANGE: 1 - 9

WEIGHTING OF ASSESSMENT: **EXAMINATION:** 100%

PREVIOUS EXAMINATION RESULTS: New Subject

Course Description:

The EDUQAS Religious Studies course encourages students to understand and question the big questions in life. The topics they will be studying give them an opportunity to look at current issues that face the world and investigate moral dilemmas facing humans today. For example, students will give their own opinions on issues such as medical ethics, relationships, how we treat the environment, war and equality.

This GCSE provides students with opportunities to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of religion by exploring the significance and impact of beliefs, teachings, sources, practices, ways of life and forms of expressing meaning; express their personal responses and informed insights on fundamental questions and issues about identity, belonging, meaning, purpose, truth, values and commitments.

There are three examinations for this qualification; two exams focus on Christianity (50% + 25%), the other exam focuses on another world faith.

Topics for Study:

- Relationships: family, marriage, divorce and equality.
- Life and Death: creation, value of life, afterlife and medical ethics.
- Good and Evil: suffering, forgiveness, crime and punishment.
- Human Rights: prejudice, social justice, role of religion, wealth and poverty.
- Christianity: practices, beliefs and teachings.
- Another world faith (dependent on teacher): practices, beliefs and teachings.

Homework:

Homework is set in line with the school homework policy.

Students will be encouraged to read, listen and watch the news to develop their understanding and knowledge of current affairs.

Resources and equipment needed:

In addition to the standard equipment required, pupils would benefit from the EDUQAS text books when published. As this is a new course the text books are still being written.

Careers and Further Educational Opportunities:

A GCSE in Religious Studies would be beneficial for any career dealing with people. In particular the police force, law judiciary, teaching or child care, armed forces and social work.