

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION & ETHICS)

Course Details

The course is made up of **two** examination papers.

Paper 1 – Thematic Studies

Value and origin of human life - Issues surrounding: abortion, euthanasia, life after death, animal rights, the use and abuse of the environment.

Peace and Conflict - Issues surrounding: causes of war, terrorism, pacifism, just war, modern warfare nuclear weapons, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Crime and Punishment - Issues surrounding: causes of crime, theories of punishment, effectiveness of prisons, the death penalty.

Human Rights and Social Injustice - Issues surrounding: human rights and responsibilities, racism, sexism and homophobia, causes of poverty, responses to poverty.

The above topics are studied from religious and non-religious perspectives.

Course Type/exam board:

GCSE // AQA

Course Availability

Compulsory? No

Option for all? Yes

What subjects combine well with RS, Philosophy and Ethics?

History, Media Studies, Science and English

Paper 2 – A Study of Buddhism

Buddhist Beliefs - Karma, reincarnation, Nibbana, the Buddha.

Buddhist Practices - Meditation, worship and living in the modern world.

Christianity Beliefs - Crucifixion, sin, salvation, Christianity practices, prayer, festivals, worship and living in the modern world.

How is PRE assessed?

Assessment	% of GCSE
Exam 1 1hr 45 min	50
Exam 2 1hr 45 min	50

Student View

I love the discussion and debate in Philosophy and Ethics. It has taught me to question and look at