

Subject:	Ethics and Philosophy
Level:	GCSE (Full Course)
Awarding Body:	AQA
Specification Code:	8062
Awarding Body website:	www.aqa.org.uk
ASSESSMENT:	
Controlled Assessment %:	0%
When will it be taken?	N/A
Examination %:	100%
When will it be sat?	May/June at the end of Year 11
TIERS:	
Higher Tier Grades:	N/A
Foundation Tier Grades:	N/A
No Tier Grades:	9 – 1
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Description

Full course GCSE

We study 2 units from the AQA Syllabus Specification A: **Religious Studies A**

Unit 1: The Study of Religions:

Students will study beliefs, teachings and practices from two religions:

- Christianity
- Islam

Unit 2: Thematic Studies

Students study religious teachings, and religious, philosophical and ethical arguments, relating to each theme, and their impact and influence in the modern world. They should be aware of contrasting perspectives in contemporary British society on all issues studied in each theme.

Each theme will be studied from both religious and non-religious perspectives, focusing on mainly Christianity and Islam to give students a broad knowledge and understanding of each ethical issue.

Themes include:

Religion, relationships and families

- Relationships and the human condition – love and sexuality
- Same sex relationships
- Marriage, cohabitation, divorce and remarriage
- Roles of men, women and children within the family
- Religious and non-religious views on relationships
- Contraception and family planning
- Gender equality and discrimination of men and women in society
- Role of men and women in religion

Religion, peace and conflict

- Peace, justice and the sanctity of life
- Human violence and protest
- Forgiveness and reconciliation
- Societal war and just war
- Victims of war
- Holy war and pacifism
- Terrorism
- Weapons of mass destruction
- Peace making

Religion and life Issues

- Origins of the universe
- The natural world
- Global warming
- Destruction of natural habitats
- Animal Rights
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Life after death

Religion, crime and punishment

- Good and evil
- Types and causes of crime
- Aims of punishment
- Treatment of criminals
- Corporal punishment
- Capital punishment
- Forgiveness

How will I be assessed?

There is no controlled assessment for GCSE Religious Studies, so it is assessed entirely by written examination. Students sit two exams in the summer of Year 11, each exam lasting one hour and forty-five minutes.

Future Opportunities

Future careers using a qualification in Religious Studies include law, journalism, the police and prison service, social and pastoral care, teaching, hospital management, the ministry, politics, community and charity work. The skills acquired through studying this course are also invaluable for those going on to further and higher education courses in almost all subjects.

Further Information

All students begin the GCSE course in Year 10. Students will sit 2 exams at the end of year 11 with assessments every half term.