

AQA Specification: 7062

Religious Studies

Religious studies invites you to explore some of life's biggest questions: What is right and wrong? Does God exist? How should we live?

You will study core Christian beliefs as well as key philosophical and ethical theories, continuing to practise how to build strong arguments and think critically.



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This subject is ideal for students who enjoy discussion, debate, and challenging ideas. It supports a wide range of future pathways, including law, psychology, politics, humanities, social work and the media.

A deeper dive into what you will study:

The course consists of two components, each of which will be assessed by a 3-hour exam.

**Component 1:
Philosophy of religion and ethics**

In this component you will explore the major philosophical ideas about God, religious experience, miracles and the problem of evil, before examining ethical theories such as Natural Law, Situation Ethics and Virtue Ethics. You will apply these concepts to real-world moral issues, study the question of free will, conscience and moral responsibility. Whilst studying the above you will develop strong skills in argument, analysis and critical thinking.

**Component 2:
Study of religion and dialogues**

In this component you will study one major world religion and its core beliefs – including sources of authority, views on God, life after death, ethics and identity. You will also explore how that religion engages in dialogue with both philosophy and ethics and the wider world.