



SUBJECT: Religious Studies A Level

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:

Dr R Frampton

EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:

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SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT: Philosophy of Religion: What does the word God mean? Traditional proofs for God's existence, the problem of evil, religious experience as a proof of God, religious language, how faith motivates life, the post-modern view of faith, Freud's & Jung's ideas about religion & psychology, life after death. Religion and Ethics This covers ethical theory and beliefs, and fundamental questions of right and wrong. A number of theories will be studied, including utilitarianism (Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill) and situation ethics (Joseph Fletcher). The course will also study and evaluate a variety of religious teachings on a number of ethical issues, including Euthanasia and Abortion. A Study of Hinduism An in depth study of the philosophy and practices of one of the world's largest religions, Hinduism. Including their ideas about gods and life after death.	WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT? You will engage in and debate some big philosophical questions, discuss controversial issues and be able to explain how religion can be used as a guide to help make moral decisions. SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES: You will need to show a willingness to undertake wider reading and further study outside the classroom. Visit libraries and consult different books about the topics that you are studying. There are many useful websites. Here are just a few: www.eduqas.co.uk www.rsweb.org.uk www.iep.utm.edu
HOW IS IT ASSESSED? There will be three exams at the end of the course, one on each topic, each lasting two hours. Each exam will involve answering two questions, split into two parts, so four essays in total. These could be taken from any aspect of the topic.	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES You will develop an ability to be able to explain and justify your own opinion and those of others. Your ability to be able to analyse and evaluate ideas and information will become more sophisticated, these are all skills that employers and universities will welcome.

	<p>SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, you will need to have at least a grade 6 or above in GCSE RS or another Humanities subject if you did not take RS. It would be an advantage to have at least a grade 6 or better in English Language.</p>
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