SUBJECT: Religious Studies

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:	SYLLABUS NUMBER:
Miss C S Dawton	**WJEC Eduqas GCSE Religious Studies (full course): 601/8879/0**

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT

The course is split into two sections:

a) Study of Religions - Beliefs, Teachings and Practices
This includes:

- Key beliefs, teachings and practices in Christianity - including key beliefs about God, Jesus, Christian festivals and the role of the Church
- Key beliefs, teachings and practices in Hinduism - including beliefs about Brahman and other deities, beliefs about the nature of life, festivals, and Hindu lifestyle

b) Thematic Studies - Philosophy and Ethics
This includes:

- Philosophical discussion of the nature of God
- Philosophical views on the origin and nature of the Universe
- Religion and its role in war and conflict, crime and punishment, and a variety of other moral issues

RESOURCES

- WJEC Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies: ROUTE A by Owens, Pawson, White and Ridley (for Christianity, Philosophy and Ethics).

SETTING ARRANGEMENTS

We usually have two hierarchical sets.

ASSESSMENT

The course is assessed at the end of year 11 with three exams, each lasting one hour.

SELF STUDY ADVICE

Students must be willing to share ideas and contribute to a wide and interesting range of activities. Motivation, enthusiasm, good organisational skills and self-discipline are essential attributes for success.

Students are encouraged to develop an independent approach to their earning in this subject and to this end they will carry out research projects, class presentations and debates.

EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

In the past we have arranged for a guest speaker from ISKCON (Hare Krishna movement) to speak to students about Hindu belief and practice.