

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

The Edexcel GCSE in Religious Studies allows students to study the broad themes in Theology, Philosophy and Ethics from more than one religious perspective. Students will learn not only a body of knowledge but will acquire the key academic skills of research, analysis and evaluation and use these throughout the course, thus providing a firm foundation for academic study beyond GCSE in other subjects as well as in Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies.

The course content includes two taught studies of faith, currently Christianity and Judaism and Philosophy and Ethics. This content is taught in two modules and does not include coursework. This gives students longer to learn and practice their examination techniques for the written examinations. There will be 1 hour and 45-minute examination for Paper 1: Religion and Ethics which will focus on Christianity. The second module is a 1 hour and 45-minute examination for Paper 2: Religion Peace and Conflict which will focus on Judaism.

The studies in Christianity and Islam cover the key beliefs and practices of both religions. Students will apply core beliefs to these ethical issues:

- Marriage and the family
- Matters of life and death
- Crime and punishment
- Religion peace and conflict

Students will learn and consider non-religious, (Humanist and Atheist views), as alternative responses to ethical dilemmas.