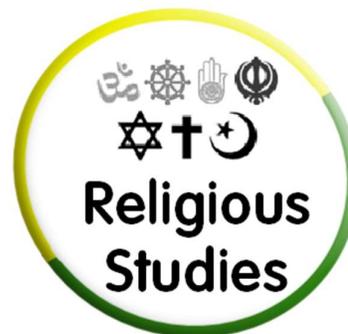# Subject: Religious Studies

What is the course about?

GCSE Religious studies entail the study of the core religious beliefs, teaching and practices of two of the world religions. It also enables students to consider philosophical questions and ethical dilemmas which relate to modern life in Britain. The course challenges students with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling them to develop their own attitudes towards religious issues.

What topics will I study?

The course will involve the following topics:

- Key beliefs, teachings & practices of Christianity & Islam
- Worship, Festivals & Duties in Christianity & Islam
- Religious, Philosophical & Ethical Issues such as Peace & conflict, Capital Punishment and Abortion

What activities will there be?

The course will be delivered using a variety of teaching methods. Students will predominantly engage in written work and class discussions. Other activities will involve pair and group work, research tasks, project work and debates.

What percentage of the final grade is from coursework?

Full Course GCSE Religious Studies is 100% exam based.

It will entail 2 exams to be sat at the end of Year 11. One exam is on Christianity and Islam, the other is on the 4 'Themes'

What about after Key Stage 4? (Careers and College)

Students will develop analytical & critical thinking skills, the ability to work with abstract ideas and research skills. As a result of this, this course enables students to develop skills that are crucial for many subjects including Philosophy & Ethics, History, Geography, Sociology & English. It is also looked at positively in many career paths due to its understanding of a range of cultures, faith as well as the skills developed including the Armed Forces, Law, Teaching and public services

Examboard and useful website?

Exam Board: AQA Religious Studies Specification A

Website for GCSE specification: http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062

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