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## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Examination Board: Edexcel

Syllabus: 9RS0

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### WHY STUDY RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

Students will have the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate their ability to think and write critically.
- Develop an enquiring mind-set.
- Interpret and evaluate a range of primary sources, including Philosophical and Ethical texts.
- Explore a range of Philosophical and Ethical questions.
- Explore their own viewpoint on a range of thought-provoking questions.
- Understand their personal views in relation to an appreciation of the broad spectrum of beliefs of others.

### THE A LEVEL PROGRAMME OF STUDY: How you will be assessed

Unit	Unit contents	Assessment and duration
<b>Paper 1:</b> Philosophy of Religion	Philosophical issues and questions. Problem of evil and suffering. Philosophical language. Works of scholars. Developments in religious belief	<b>2 hours</b>  <b>Written exam</b>
<b>Paper 2:</b> Religion and Ethics	A study of ethical theories. Significant Ethical questions. Applied Ethics. Ethical language. Medical ethics: beginning and end of life issues.	<b>2 hours</b>  <b>Written exam</b>
<b>Paper 4B:</b> Study of Religion (Christianity)	Key beliefs, practices, and values. Sources of authority. Social and historical developments. Interpretation of scholars Religion and Society.	<b>2 hours</b>  <b>Written exam</b>

### HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a subject which helps you develop knowledge of how to think, not what to think, it is highly valued beyond Sixth Form. Universities value this subject for the enquiring and critical approach it develops, as well as the ability to explore complex ideas in depth. Beyond this, career opportunities are not limited to particular areas. Students end up working with almost every type of employer in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to gain a grade 4 or higher in English.

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