

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Exam Board: OCR

FULSTON MANOR SCHOOL



WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

The course ensures students have a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints. Students gain critical and evaluative skills sought by higher education and employers – particularly in law, education, social work, politics, medicine, administration and the media. Religious Studies is a thought-provoking subject and the contemporary themes will inspire engaging classroom discussion.

This is what some employees say about the value of religious studies qualifications:

Metropolitan Police Recruitment Office: *“It shows that a person has some understanding of the beliefs and values of others.”*

Journalist: *“Religious Studies is a way of broadening your understanding of the world and of people. In this job, you have to meet people from all walks of life, and a huge range of cultural backgrounds.”*

Retail Management: *“I’m not particularly religious; it was something that I took because it did give me a broad spectrum and I work with a lot of different kinds of people.”*

AIMS OF THE COURSE

Courses based on this specification encourage students to:

- develop their interest in a rigorous study of philosophical, ethical and religious belief and relate it to the wider world

- develop knowledge and understanding appropriate to a specialist study of philosophy of religion and ethics
- develop an understanding and appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies
- adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of philosophy, ethics and religion
- reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in light of their study.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Paper 1: Philosophy of religion

Paper 2: Religion and ethics

Paper 3: Developments in Christian thought

ASSESSMENT

The A Level course is assessed entirely by external assessment (examination). There is no assessment based on coursework for this subject.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students will normally be expected to have 5 9-4 grades (or equivalent) including a grade 4 or better in GCSE Religious Studies. Interested and well-motivated students who do not possess these qualifications may still be admitted onto the course at the department's discretion.