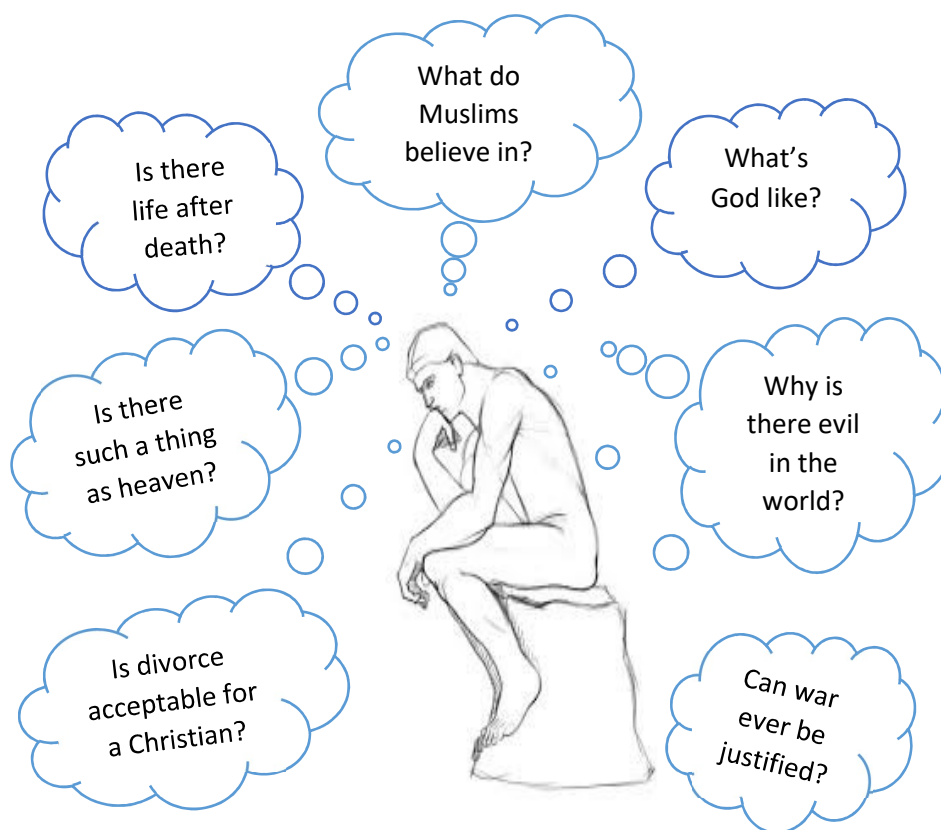




GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

YEAR 9 OPTIONS BOOKLET



If you enjoy...

- debating and collaborating on current social issues?
- learning about different peoples' beliefs and practices?
- evaluating moral questions?
- questioning why things are the way they are?
- analysing other people's arguments?
- looking at a wide range of sources in class?
- writing justified responses to questions?

...then RS could be for you!

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Religious Studies is concerned with people, their beliefs and lifestyle, and their responses to a variety of current moral, social and philosophical issues. It can therefore be viewed as one of the most useful, stimulating and interesting subjects to study at GCSE. This course allows you to study religious and non-religious ideas as well as philosophical and ethical ideas. You will also look at the major World Religions of Christianity and Islam in detail.

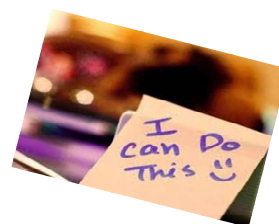
HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Your final GCSE grade will be examined by three examination papers using the OCR examination specification.

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/religious-studies-j625-j125-from-2016/>

The three papers are:

- 1 hour- Christianity beliefs and practices
- 1 hour- Islam beliefs and practices
- 2 hours- Religion, Philosophy and Ethics



(See back of booklet for an insight into what each topic includes)

There are no tiered papers or controlled assessments for Religious Studies. You will practice exam technique during each lesson so that you will feel comfortable answering GCSE style questions when it comes to the exam.

WILL I RECEIVE LOTS OF HOMEWORK?

In Year 10 you will receive homework weekly in RS. This usually involves an exam style question or research activity. It is expected that all work is completed to a high standard and missed work is caught up. Attendance is essential for a good grade.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I GAIN FROM TAKING RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

- Improved discussion skills- talking about your own ideas, taking into account alternative views and drawing reasoned conclusions
- Skills of enquiry and critical reflection on issues and ideas
- Better understanding of the complexity of beliefs, values and moral issues, and their application in everyday life.
- Reflection on your own beliefs and values

WHAT TYPE OF STUDENTS DO WELL AT RS GCSE?

- Conscientious, hardworking pupils who are open minded to learning about different beliefs and values and who themselves are interested in justifying their own perspectives.
- These skills will be developed throughout your GCSE.
Therefore, a willingness to acquire these skills is all that is necessary.

All religions, cultures, and beliefs deserve the same amount of respect, even if they are different from your own.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER WITH MY RS QUALIFICATION?

Most pupils go on to study A Level Philosophy or Religious Studies at Barton Peveril or Peter Symonds. There is also a range of job sectors where the skills learnt through RS are highly beneficial:

- travel and tourism
- health and social care
- childcare
- public services
- legal studies
- journalism



...to name just a few



IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW?

You do not have to have any particular faith yourself to study Religious Studies at GCSE. The exciting and diverse course builds on the work you have done at Key Stage 3 and will challenge your ideas and perceptions even further.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I NEED FURTHER INFORMATION?

We really hope that this information booklet has given you more of an insight into Religious Studies GCSE at Kings' and why taking RS as an option is the right choice for you. If you have any further questions, your RS teacher will be very happy to talk to you more about the course.

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THE ROAD TO GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

