

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Year 10

Religious Studies is a traditional academic GCSE. This means you will study the course for two years then sit two exams at the end of Year 11 to gain your qualification. Each exam is worth 50% of your overall GCSE qualification. Passing GCSE grades are anything from grade 9 to grade 1; there are no tiers or sets for RS.

In the course you will study 8 units; four of these are about Christianity and four are about the religion of Islam. As the biggest religion both in the UK and the world our curriculum stresses the importance of learning about Christianity. We have chosen Islam as our second religion as it has several connections to Christianity which we find aids student's learning of both religions. It is also the second largest religion in the world and often one which is misrepresented and misunderstood; at Filey School we aim to build learners who are ready to go into the world as informed young people, and GCSE RS provides fantastic opportunities to explore and learn about different people, opinions, and traditions.

Curriculum overview:




Paper 1B: Christianity <u>Christian beliefs</u>	Paper 2C: Islam <u>Islamic beliefs</u>	Paper 1B: Christianity <u>Marriage and the Family</u>	Paper 2C: Islam <u>Living the Muslim life</u>
1.1 Trinity 1.2 Creation 1.3 Incarnation of Jesus 1.4 Last days of Jesus' life 1.5 Salvation 1.6 Life after death 1.7 Evil and suffering 1.8 Solutions to evil and suffering	1.1 Six beliefs in Islam 1.2 Five roots of Usul ad-Din 1.3 Nature of Allah 1.4 Risalah 1.5 Muslim holy books 1.6 Malaikah 1.7 Al-Qadr 1.8 Akhirah	2.1 Purpose of marriage 2.2 Sexual relationships 2.3 Importance of the family 2.4 Support of the family 2.5 Contraception 2.6 Divorce 2.7 Role of men and women - equality 2.8 Gender equality/ prejudice	3.1 Ten Obligatory Acts 3.2 Shahadah 3.3 Salah 3.4 Sawm 3.5 Zakah 3.6 Hajj 3.7 Jihad 3.8 Celebrations and commemorations
Important vocabulary:	Important vocabulary:	Important vocabulary:	Important vocabulary:
Trinity Nicene Creed Creation Incarnation Baptism Salvation Eschatology Parousia Omnibenevolent Transcendence	Sunni Shi'a Ummah Allah Qur'an Prophet (Nubuwwah/Risalah) Malaikah Al-Qadr Jannah Jahannam Tawhid	Marriage Divorce Adultery Promiscuity Cohabitation Contraception Stereotype Prejudice Discrimination	Ten Obligatory Acts (Furu ad-Din) Shahadah 5 Pillars of Islam Salah Sawm Zakah Hajj Jihad Eid

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What are our curriculum aims for your child in year 10?

-  Introduce the course and the demands of the assessment at this level
-  Knowledge and understanding of two units from Christianity: Christian Beliefs, and how these beliefs are applied to issues of ethics and morality concerned with matters of Marriages and Family Life
-  Knowledge and understanding of two units from Islam: Muslim Beliefs, and how these beliefs are applied to issues of ethics and morality concerned with matters of Living a Muslim Life

How can I help my child be successful in GCSE Religious Studies?

-  Discuss their work with them-it may be useful to ask them to share with you three things they have been learning about each week or lesson.
-  Discuss stories from your own experience or others about any ethical, social, religious matter.
-  Keep an eye on the news and discuss what is going on so students practise speaking and listening to other people's views.

How will you assess my child's progress?

-  Via questions and answers in a classroom setting
-  Review tasks in lessons
-  Exam questions conducted in exam conditions in the classroom
-  Trial exams conducted in exam conditions in the gym

As this course has two terminal exams to establish a student's overall final grade, the most up to date assessments should also factor in previous learning, in order to establish the most accurate predicted grades overall.