

# Religious Studies

## WHAT IS IT?

In Religious Studies students will be challenged with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling them to develop their own attitudes related towards religious issues. Students will also gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture. Religious Studies GCSE can provide a basis for further study towards social science, law, politics and media/journalism.

We study two different topics during year 10 & 11.



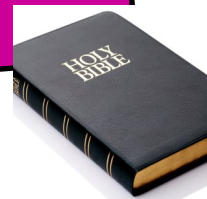
### Area of Study 1—Religion and Ethics (Christianity)

Students must study all four content sections based upon the chosen religion:

- Beliefs
- Marriage and the Family
- Living the Religious Life
- Matters of Life and Death

The significance and importance of the various beliefs, issues and practices to Christians today will be explored throughout the sections. This will include reference to how the Bible informs a Christian's understanding of the above. Students will be expected to study Christianity within the context of wider British society, the religious traditions of which are, in the main, Christian. Students will recognise that Christianity is one of the main religions and world views in Great Britain.

**The assessment for this Area of Study is 1 hour and 45 minutes. The assessment is out of 102 marks.**



### Area of Study 2 – Religion, Peace and Conflict (Islam)

Students must study all four content sections based upon the chosen religion:

- Beliefs
- Crime and Punishment
- Living the Religious Life
- Peace and Conflict

The significance and importance of the various beliefs, issues and practices to Muslims today will be explored throughout the sections. This will include reference to how the Qur'an informs a Muslim's understanding of the above. Students will be expected to study Islam within the context of wider British society. Students will compare and contrast the areas of belief and practice within Islam with Christianity.

**The assessment for this Area of Study is 1 hour and 45 minutes. The assessment is out of 102 marks.**

5	PILLARS OF ISLAM	
	SHAHADAH	Belief that there is only one Allah and that Mahammad is Allah's messenger.
	SALAH	Prayer are to be given Allah five times each day
	ZAKAT	Giving of alms, charity, to the poor 2.5% of income
	HAJJ	Making pilgrimage to the House of Allah in Mecca
	FASTING	Fasting sunrise to sunset during the Month of Ramadan

