

Religious Studies



- **Teacher:** Mr de Pleave
- **Exam board:** Pearson Edexcel
- **Course work or exam?:** 100% Exam
- **What will I learn about?** Students will learn about the main belief systems in Christianity and Islam, as well as, crucially the points of agreement and disagreement with wider secular society. Matters such as crime and punishment, life after death, euthanasia, abortion and many more are also explored.
- **Great for:** Students who have real interest in the issues which face people every day and the reasons people make certain decisions. You may have a Faith, be unsure or be an atheist because we explore issues from every angle. Students must be aware that this is an essay based subject (although clear guidance is given as to how to construct your arguments) and is a great foundation for any A level subject requiring thought and the weighing up of evidence for and against (e.g. Psychology, Philosophy, History, Politics). Students also learn about the importance of keeping an open mind and avoiding stereotyping others.

Student view: *"I can honestly say that this was one of my favourite GCSEs - I am so glad I chose this because I learned so many new things. I especially loved it when we discussed real ethical problems; I can't imagine another GCSE in which we get to deal with things like the death penalty and life after death. I really recommend this to anyone! It was one of my highlights in the school week!"*