



## A-Level Religious Studies (Edexcel)

### Staff delivering:

Mrs K Lloyd, Miss H Ward

### Topics/Units studied:

The course is in three parts:

- **PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**  
Philosophical Issues, The Nature and Influence of Religious Experience, Problems of Evil and Suffering, Religious Language, Life after Death and Works of Scholars.
- **THE STUDY OF ETHICS**  
Significant Debates across environmental and equality issues, a Study of Ethical Theories such as utilitarianism - the greater good; situation ethics; natural moral law, Application of Ethical Theories regarding war and peace and sexual ethics, Medical Ethics with a focus on beginning and end of life issues.
- **THEOLOGY – NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES**  
Social, Historical and Religious context of the New Testament, Interpretation of Jesus, Text, Scripture.

### Key dates & deadlines:

Year	Deadline / Date	Unit assessed
13	June	Paper 1 (2 hour exam)
13	June	Paper 2 (2 hour exam)
13	June	Paper 3 (2 hour exam)

### **Career Pathways:**

This qualification supports access to a number of higher education courses, including but not restricted to:

Law	Counselling	Social Services
Teaching and/or Lecturing	Criminology	Management and Business
Child/Adult Psychology	Medicine	Police Force

### **Success**

Students regularly succeed in this subject and we have a good record of students passing the exam. This has led to many students securing a place at university to study a variety of degree programmes.

We also have a good retention rate for students with the majority of those starting the course on year 12, continuing into year 13.

### **Alumni**

Georgia B: University of Hull - Psychology

George B: University of Newcastle - Law

Henry B: Manchester Met University - Law

Jaymie-Louise B: University of Law, London - Law

Megan C: University of Hull - Early Childhood Studies

Ryan E: Lincoln University - Forensic Science

Tim J: University of Hull - Psychology

Daniel M: Twickenham University - Law with Criminology

### **Progression**

Students can progress to Degree-level courses in this subject. A level Religious Studies can also provide you with excellent transferable skills, from essay writing, developing confidence in debating, to developing the ability to appreciate other viewpoints. These skills can be incredibly helpful in a range of University degrees involving critical thinking and discussion e.g. Humanities, English, Psychology.

### **Trips**

To places of worship to see how religion and belief are expressed and visiting guest speakers.

We have run trips to Rome, Poland - Auschwitz.

