

Mayflower High School

DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

All Year 9 students have been studying the Religious Studies GCSE course since September. The course structure is laid out in the table below:

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christian: Beliefs, Teachings and Practices• Buddhist: Beliefs, Teachings and Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human Rights and Social Justice• Crime and Punishment• Peace and Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Religion and Life• Revision

Examination Board: AQA

Specification: 8062

WHY IS RELIGIOUS STUDIES AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT?

We believe that Religious Studies is an important subject because every area of life is touched by issues to do with belief. Following a Religious Studies GCSE course will enable students to study and explore what people believe about a range of philosophical and ethical issues. Students will have opportunities to engage with questions about why people believe in God and how beliefs can influence many aspects of their lives. Respect and consideration are also shown towards non-religious approaches to life.

In lessons, students will be expected to think, talk, discuss, question and challenge, reflect on and assess a wide range of questions. As young people growing up in a diverse society, studying religion will help them to understand and relate to people whose beliefs, values and viewpoints differ from their own, and help them to deal with issues arising, not only in school, but in the community and workplace.

The study of religion will also help students to make connections with a whole range of other important areas, such as music, literature, art, politics, economics and social issues.

GRADING

GCSE Religious Studies will be graded using the 9-1 scale.

CONTACT

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