

KS5 Religious Studies

Y12 Religious Studies

Component 1: Philosophy of religion

Students explore the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality and existence.

- Philosophy and its methods
- Philosophical language and thought
- The existence of God
- God and the world

Component 2: Religion and ethics

Students explore key concepts and the works of influential thinkers, ethical theories and their application:

- Normative ethical theories: religious approaches
- Normative ethical theories: non-religious approaches
- The application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance

Component 3: Developments in Christian thought

Students study Christianity systematically. They explore:

- Religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world
- Sources of religious wisdom and authority
- Practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition

Y13 Religious Studies

Component 1: Philosophy of religion

Students explore the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality and existence.

- The nature of God
- Religious language
- Religious language: 20th century perspectives

Component 2: Religion and ethics

Students explore key concepts and the works of influential thinkers, ethical theories and their application:

- Ethical language and thought
- Debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience
- Sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs

Component 3: Developments in religious thought

Students study Christianity systematically.

They explore:

- Practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition
- Significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought
- Key themes related to the relationship between religion and society