Religious Studies

Examination Board: Edexcel

The course provides ample opportunity for discussion of the place of religion in the modern world. It would appeal to anyone with historical, linguistic or religious/philosophical interests but also to those keen to relate scientific discoveries to religious theory.

A-level Overview (three papers)

Paper 1 Philosophy of Religion	Paper 2 Religion and Ethics	Paper 3 Study of Religion
- Philosophical issues - Nature & Influence of religious experience - Problem of evil and suffering - Language - Philosophers - Influences and developments	- Significant concepts in issues and debates - Utilitarianism, situation ethics and natural moral law - War & Peace and Sexual Ethics - Ethical Language - Ethical Theory (including comparison of 2 scholars) - Medical ethics	- Religious beliefs, values and teachings - Sources of wisdom and authority - Practices that shape and express religious identity - Social and Historical developments - Comparative study of two scholars - Religion and Society
2 hour examination 33.3% of qualification	2 hour examination 33.3% of qualification	2 hour examination 33.3% of qualification

Entry Requirements

If GCSE Religious Studies has been taken a Grade 7 is required. A willingness to consider different issues from a number of viewpoints is equally important. For those who have not undertaken a GCSE course, a minimum of a Grade 7 in either English Language or English Literature is essential.