

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

KS4 (AQA Spec A GCSE)

Curriculum Purpose

Students will be challenged with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling them to develop their own attitudes towards religious issues. Students will also gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture. They will develop analytical and critical thinking skills, the ability to work with abstract ideas, leadership and research skills. All these skills will help prepare them for further study.

YR 11



Course Content and Skill Development

- Paper 1: Judaism beliefs and teachings
- Paper 1: Judaism practices
- Paper 2: Religion, peace and conflict
- Paper 2: Religion, Human rights and social justice.

When and How Assessment of Learning will Happen

Teachers will periodically mark exercise books and key pieces of work when the need arises. Formative assessments will be made to check knowledge of key terms and teachings. Whilst students will have the chance to practice past exam questions, there will be some mock assessments given throughout the year in which to prepare students and hopefully help them on their long term memory. Towards the end of Year 10 there is a mock exam on the content for the year.

We will conduct a variety of formative assessments throughout the academic year in which to assess student progress and pinpoint areas for development. This will be checking subject knowledge and the ability to write short essays on a variety of religious or ethical topics.

Home Learning Expectations

Students will be expected to learn key terms and practice past papers for the GCSE preparation. Teachers will set tasks too, in which to complement and encourage interest in the subject. By completing simple tasks on a regular basis and making sure that the knowledge is good, students will naturally achieve well in the subject. If there is low attendance students will be expected to fill gaps in knowledge using resources that teachers will share with students. It is vital that tasks are completed, which will help students to make sure that they succeed with ease at the end of Year 11 in the exams.

Specification link

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/rs/specifications/AQA-8062-SP-2016.PDF>



The GCSE examinations for Religious Studies are always on the first day and finish around a week after the formal written exams start. These are always in May and before the half term. This means that students will finish very quickly with Religious Education and be given time and space to focus on other exams. So it is important that a revision timetable is constructed and followed, with a greater emphasis on Religious Studies earlier in the revision window.

Useful Information

Students will have access to revision guides, Zig Zag topic booklets, revision resources on the Google Drive. Teachers will also share key terms that need to be learnt through platforms such as Quizlet. Documentaries are really helpful for students to watch such as:

Judaism beliefs and teachings

Judaism practices

- Unorthodox - Netflix
- The deep meaning behind an orthodox wedding
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxsTbM67sH0&t=8s>
- Strictly kosher – there are lots of episodes you can watch on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1JLv5txMw4&t=4s>
- Strictly soul mates – Jewish marriage
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jb2t7_bMVCvk&t=2268s
- Brit Milah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0fkpHV4TxM>
- Bar and Bat Mitzvah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEBnpxhb0rc&t=60s>
- Being Jewish – preparing for Bar Mitzvah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hF-E5YqVxno>
- What is a Bar Mitzvah?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDZuvPpzXCk>
- What is Rosh Hashanah?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_D49u-Epq44
- The Jewish New Year
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAuMXq5sHDw&t=165s>
- Newsround – What is Rosh Hashanah
- What is Yom Kippur?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGrK2Zzvjew>
- The Jewish High holiday – Yom Kippur
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oqBzg8wCUg&t=6s>
- Passover seder – what to expect
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzsuL9U1a_k&t=2s
- What is Passover?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ej6n_2KJ_OI
- BBC Teach – What is passover?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzsuL9U1a_k&t=2s
- Mourning in Jewish Tradition
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2fCkSztSQ>
- Jewish traditions for death and mourning rituals
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JiA5loP8Vis>
- Passover Rhapsody
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRWNrk7FxG4>