

# Religious Studies *at MSJ Sixth Form*



**You will explore questions such as, ‘Do I have an immortal soul?’ and ‘Is an act morally right if it produces the greatest good for the greatest number?’ Religious Studies enhances the ability to think critically.**

Studying RS at A Level helps to develop a greater understanding of religious beliefs, the study of ethics and philosophical theories.

**TO PURSUE THE A LEVEL COURSE SUCCESSFULLY, PUPILS IDEALLY NEED A MINIMUM OF:**

GCSE Religious Studies Grade 6

## WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

Pupils will study Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics, and Developments in Religious Thought (Christianity).

They will develop an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to Religious Studies, relating key themes to the wider world. It encourages students to consider and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes, in the light of their studies.

## IS IT THE RIGHT COURSE FOR ME?

### What skills will I need?

You will need to adopt an analytical, evaluative approach. Being openminded is a prerequisite. You should welcome intellectual rigour, be able to make clear and concise notes, have the ability to assimilate complex information, be an independent learner and also be a keen contributor to discussion. In addition, the ability to write logical, coherent and structured essays is essential.

## WITH WHICH OTHER SUBJECTS DOES IT WORK BEST?

Religious Studies works well with a diverse range of other subjects. In addition to Geography, History, English Literature, Classics or Modern Foreign Languages, possible choices can include Biology, Physics or Chemistry. Other options could be Politics, Latin, Mathematics or Psychology.

## WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS?

Possible career pathways include Broadcasting, Law, Business Management, Politics, Nursing, Teaching, Academic Research and Journalism.

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## HEAD OF SUBJECT

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## HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

It is assessed by written examinations:

- **Philosophy of Religion:** 120 marks, 2 hour written paper, 33.3% of total course. Answer three out of a choice of four questions
- **Ethics:** 120 marks, 2 hour written paper, 33.3% of total course. Answer three out of a choice of four questions
- **Developments in Religious Thought (Christianity):** 120 marks, 2 hour written paper, 33.3% of total course. Answer three out of a choice of four questions
- All are 60% evaluation and 40% knowledge