

Y9 Pathways: GCSE Religious Studies

Why should you choose
GCSE RS?

AQQA
Realising potential



There are lots of questions that we can answer with Google...



"Ok Google"

Who was Henry VIII's third wife?

What is the Mitochondria?

Who is Pythagoras?

However, there are lots of questions that Google can't answer...

Why am I here?

What makes a person morally good?

Why does a "loving God" allow suffering to happen?



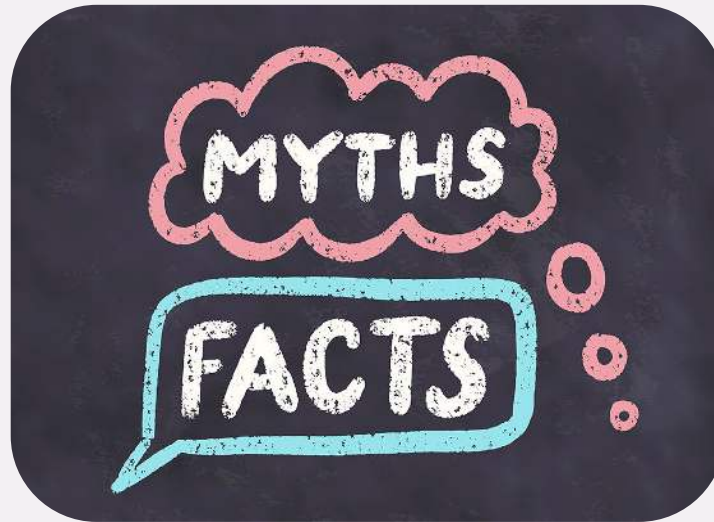
"Ok Google"

I don't know!
You'll have to take
GCSE RS!

GCSE RS is not what it used to be...

... and it's not the RE that our parents did!

It's all about religion!!!



You have to be religious!

You just sit and read the Bible...

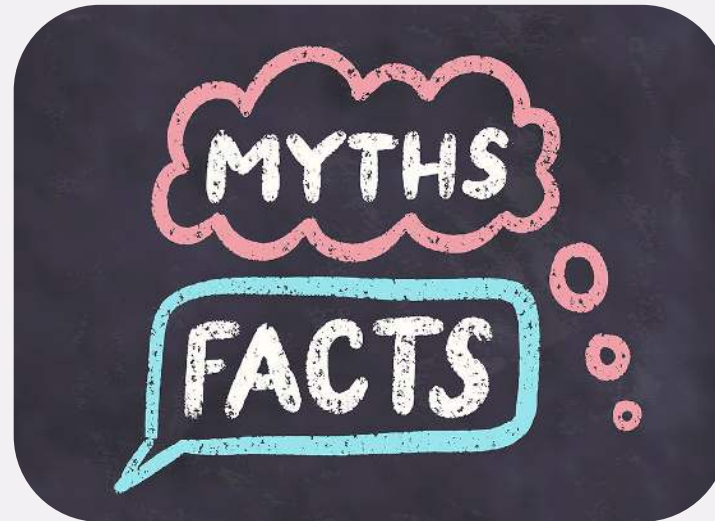
It's irrelevant!

GCSE RS is...

Modern and Engaging!

Students will gain a deeper understanding of two religions (Christianity & Islam) and explore philosophical and ethical studies into the modern world.

Designed to Inspire!



The spec includes exciting content exploring **Crime & Punishment, Peace & Conflict, Religion & Life, and Philosophical arguments about the existence of God**

Designed to give you skills for today's world!

GCSE RE can open up the possibility of **in-depth debate**, which leads to **critical evaluation & analysis** – important skills in any domain!

What does the exam look like?

The AQA GCSE Religious Studies Exam contains only 5 types of question, repeated.

Bonus!
Exam Skills
taught by an
AQA Examiner!

Q1 (1m) – Multiple Choice

Q2 (2m) – Give two religious beliefs / attitudes / reasons why... (bullet points!)

Q3 (4m) – Explain two ways / beliefs about / influences of / reasons why...

Q4 (5m) – Same as question 3, but you add a source of religious authority (a quote).

Q5 (12m) - You will be given a statement to critically evaluate whether people will agree or disagree.

E.g. "The belief in Jesus is all that Christians need to be save from sin" / "Following Muslim practices is difficult in the modern world"

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The AQA GCSE Religious Studies Exam is made up of 2 papers...



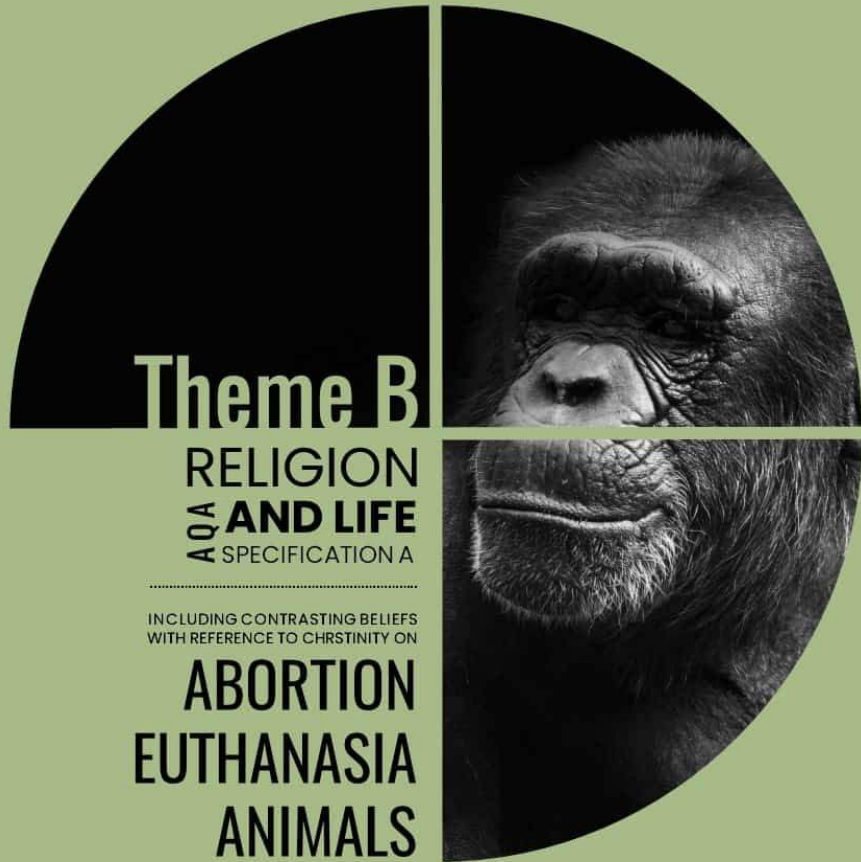
Paper 1 – 1 hour 45 minutes:

Christianity – Beliefs and Practices

Islam – Beliefs and Practices

Paper 2 – 1 hour 45 minutes:

Thematic Studies...



Theme B
RELIGION
AND LIFE
AQA SPECIFICATION A

INCLUDING CONTRASTING BELIEFS
WITH REFERENCE TO CHRISTIANITY ON

**ABORTION
EUTHANASIA
ANIMALS**

THE ORIGINS AND VALUE OF THE UNIVERSE • BIG BANG
STEWARDSHIP • DOMINION • RESPONSIBILITY • THE ENVIRONMENT • POLLUTION
THE USE OF ANIMALS • ORGONS OF LIFE • ABORTION • SANCTITY OF LIFE • EUTHANASIA

Thematic Studies

Paper 2 presents an opportunity to apply our knowledge of religion to real life, relevant and interesting discussions!

Should Abortion be allowed?

How should we treat animals?

Do we have a duty to care for the environment for the next generation?

Is it ever right to end a life?

Thematic Studies

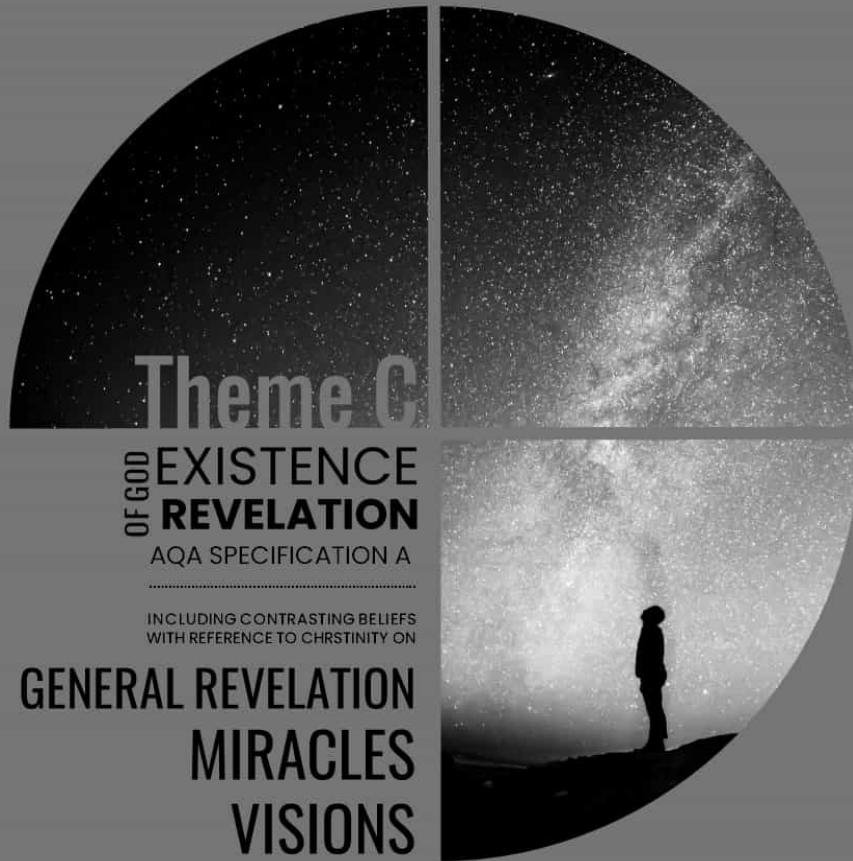
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Does God exist?

Can religious experiences be trusted?

Does the existence of evil disprove God?

Do miracles actually happen?



THE DESIGN ARGUMENT • FIRST CAUSE ARGUMENT
EVIL • SUFFERING • SCIENCE • SPECIAL REVELATION • ENLIGHTENMENT
OMNIPOTENT • OMNISCIENT • IMMANENT • TRANSCENDENT • IMPERSONAL • PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Thematic Studies

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Should religious people go to war?

Should we have nuclear weapons?

Is violence ever justified?

It is ever ok to protest?

Theme D

PEACE RELIGION
CONFLICT
AQA SPECIFICATION A

INCLUDING CONTRASTING BELIEFS
WITH REFERENCE TO CHRISTINITY ON

VIOLENCE
WEAPONS
PACIFISM

PEACE • JUSTICE • FORGIVENESS • RECONCILIATION
PROTEST • TERRORISM • REASONS FOR WAR • THE JUST WAR THEORY • HOLY WAR
PACIFISM • CAUSES OF WAR • WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION • VICTIMS OF WAR



YOUR INTENTIONS • REASONS FOR CRIME • SUFFERING
RETRIBUTION • DETERRENCE • REFORMATION • COMMUNITY SERVICE • PRISON
TREATMENT OF CRIMINALS • CORPORAL PUNISHMENT • DEATH SENTENCE • FORGIVENESS

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Should the Death Penalty be legalised?

Is there ever a good reason to break the law?

How should we treat criminals?

Can murder ever be forgiven?

Skills employers are looking for:

- Analytical and Strategic thinking ✓
- Research skills ✓
- Critical judgement ✓
- Teamwork ✓
- Conflict resolution ✓
- Problem Solving ✓
- Leadership Skills ✓
- Empathy ✓
- Negotiation ✓

***Does RS help
with this?***

Why should I choose GCSE RS?

Legal, Social,
Welfare
Professionals

Business,
HR, Finance

Military

Retail, Catering,
Hospitality

Career Paths
through RS

Healthcare

Educational
Professionals

Journalism /
Politics

Marketing,
PR and Sales
Professionals

MY FUTURE

If you have any questions about the exam, the content or whether GCSE RS would be a good choice for you, speak to:

- Miss Montgomery (Head of RE & PSHE)
- Miss Simmonds

Or explore:

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