



# GCSE Religious education

## Compulsory Subject

Exam Board: AQA

### Description

Every student at Slough and Eton takes a Religious Education (RE) GCSE. 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.

| Course Outline  |
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| Over Years 10 and 11, students will examine the following units   |
| <b>Component 1: <u>Islam and Christianity</u></b>   |
| Focus: beliefs, teachings and practices   |
| <b>Component 2: <u>Thematic studies</u></b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationships and Families               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace and conflict</li> <li>• Crime and punishment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Human Rights and Social justice</li> </ul> |

### Student Criteria

**All students study RE.** This should be looked upon as an opportunity to broaden horizons and to have time to discuss issues that often appear in the news.

This subject is relevant to everyone, no matter what job or course you want to do in the future. It allows you to discuss moral issues and everyday events that you see happening around you. This subject will enable you to question ideas, think about others and reflect upon your own opinions.

### Assessment

Students will sit their GCSE examination in the summer of Year 11. The qualification is linear which means students will sit all their exams at the end of the course

**Students must take assessments in the following two components:**

**Paper 1: The study of religions:** beliefs, teachings and practices covering Islam and Christianity (1hr.45mins)

**Paper 2: Thematic studies** (1hr.45mins)  
Four themes are covered in this paper.

### Progression

The main advantage of GCSE RE is that it prepares you for life and gives you the skills you will need to make the decisions every adult faces.

It is also an excellent preparation for:

**A Level Social Sciences (Law, Sociology and Psychology)**

**A Level Religious Studies, History and English**

Jobs that appreciate the skills GCSE RE will give you such as, medicine, the police, the armed forces and the caring professions (social work, nursing and probation service).