

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Pupil year: L5 - U5 (Yr 10-11)

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The GCSE RS course follows the OCR World Religions specification. You will complete four units, covering two main areas of study. These will allow you to develop your knowledge and understanding of one of the oldest, most influential and fascinating world religions and to explore and evaluate perspectives on some of the major ethical issues facing the modern world.

In Lower Five, you will study the main beliefs and practices of Judaism.

- Unit B579 covers Jewish Beliefs; Special Days and Major Divisions and Interpretations.
- Unit B580 explores Places and Forms of Worship; Religion in the Faith Community and Family; Sacred Writings.

These two units are examined by two one-hour examinations taken at the end of Lower Five.

In Upper Five, you will study Christian perspectives on some key moral issues.

- Unit B589 addresses human Responsibility for the Planet; War, Peace and Human Rights; Prejudice and Equality.
- Unit B580 explores human Relationships; Medical Ethics; Poverty and Wealth.

These two units are assessed by a further two one-hour examinations, taken at the end of Upper Five. There is no coursework for GCSE RS.