

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Awarding Body: **AQA**,

Specification: **Religious Studies A (8062)**

This is a new GCSE RS specification, designed to inspire students to engage with major issues that are interesting, relevant and important in the 21st century world. By taking this course, you can gain a deeper understanding of two religions and explore key themes in philosophy and ethics. You will develop your skills of critical evaluation and analysis while broadening your knowledge of the world around you.

**This course is divided into two components. These are:**

The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices.

Thematic studies.

For component one, we will be exploring the beliefs and practices of Christianity and Islam, the two largest world religions. This component will be examined by one examination of 1 hour 45 minutes.

**For component two, you will explore different religious and non-religious perspectives on four themes. These are:**

Relationships and families.

Religion and life.

The existence of God and revelation.

Religion, human rights and social justice.

Within these four broad themes, you will have the opportunity to learn about, discuss and evaluate a wide range of topics, such as: gender and sexuality; marriage and divorce, philosophical arguments about God; religious experience; animal rights; medical ethics; prejudice and discrimination.

This second component will be examined by another written examination of 1 hour 45 minutes.

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