



## RELIGIOUS STUDIES GCSE

Eduqas (Welsh exam board) – Route B

### Why Study Religious Studies?

Religious Studies covers a wide range of topics, all of which help to improve your understanding of people and the religious influences on their lives. A GCSE in Religious Studies will enable you to gain a qualification in a subject you will have been studying for most of your school life and build on the foundation that this study has provided. You will discover how the beliefs and practices of religions affect the ways in which believers lead their lives.

This course is also an excellent basis for moving on to an AS or Advanced GCE in Religious Studies. Having a GCSE in RE shows that you have a range of skills, including literacy and critical thinking skills and problem solving. It is welcomed by employers and FE colleges. It is useful for a number of careers e.g Law, Police work, social work, teaching, Medicine, caring work, nursing and hospital work

### You will learn the following skills:

1. how to interpret and evaluate pieces of information;
2. how to communicate and apply your knowledge;
3. how to describe and analyse the key features of the religions studied;
4. critical thinking and problem solving.

The following topics will be studied:

### Component 1 - Foundational Catholic Theology

Theme 1: origins and meaning.

Theme 2: Good and Evil.

### Component 2 - Applied Catholic Theology

Theme 3: Life and Death.

Theme 4: Sin and Forgiveness.

### Component 3 - study of Judaism

Candidates will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of Judaism.

### Assessment

The exam is assessed through 3 papers:

Component 1: Foundational Catholic Theology - 1 hour 30 minutes

Component 2: Applied Catholic Theology - 1 hour 30 minutes

Component 3: The study of Judaism - 1 hour.

There are no tiers. All learners will take the same papers and can achieve grades 1-9

There are no controlled assessments in RE