



# GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Content

Exam

Staff

Careers

Pupil  
view

Video

The course is divided into two main units. At GCSE, pupils are required to study Christianity and one other religion, at Cefn Saeson we study Judaism. Pupils will also look at non-religious viewpoints on all topics

The knowledge and understanding acquired from these units is then applied to the philosophical and ethical units.

Content

Exam

Staff

Careers

Pupil  
view

Video

## Unit1 Religious & Philosophical Themes

Life and Death- Value of life abortion & euthanasia; Soul- ghosts & the afterlife; God & life of Jesus; Work of charities & organisations; Stewardship & scientific theories of existence

Good and Evil Morality & justice; Crime & punishment, death penalty; Forgiveness; pacifism; War; Good, evil & suffering; Holocaust; Persecution of Christians in modern era.

Content

Exam

Staff

Careers

Pupil  
view

Video

## Unit 2 Religion and Ethical Themes

Relationships Prejudice & discrimination; Family & sexual relations; Marriage, adultery, homosexuality; Role of men & women, gender equality, Holy text; Pilgrimage, symbolism & festivals

Human Rights Extremism; Censorship; Human rights; Equality; Work of organisation/individuals charities; Wealth & poverty; Social justice.

Pupils will also look at nonreligious viewpoints on all topics

## Exam

### Assessment Criteria:

There is no coursework, meaning that RS is 100% exam based.

Pupils sit **two** exams, which are both 2 hours each.

Unit 1 – end of year 10

Unit 2 – end of year 11

Each exam is broken down into the four units of study, and again into four types of questions:

2 Marks - Key Definitions

5 Marks - Describe

8 Marks - Explain

15 Marks - Evaluate

Miss Morris is the subject specialist for Religious Studies.

All exam classes will be taught by Miss Morris



## Careers

### How Religious Studies will help you in the future

Aside from the fact that you will have developed a knowledge and understanding of differing beliefs, teachings and practices, Religious Studies also helps you to develop a number of skills including:

- \*Empathy
- \*The ability to evaluate
- \*How do demonstrate your knowledge and understanding
- \*The ability to construct an argument (to name a few!)

### Future Careers

Essentially, Religious Studies can help you with any career in which you have to have contact with people

Air Cabin Crew

Chef

Human Resources

Journalist

Law

Medicine (Dr, Nurse, Health Visitor, Physiotherapist, Care etc)

Police

Social Worker

Teacher

Teaching Assistant

## “VIEWS OF CURRENT GCSE STUDENTS”

“Religious Studies gives you an understanding about other religions and about other people opinions”

“Religious Studies gives you the opportunity to learn about different views in the world. It allows you to express your opinion and develop your debating skills. It is extremely interesting and gives you an open mind”

“Religious Studies is brilliant at GCSE because you learn how to discuss and learn about other cultures. Many universities and colleges look for this GCSE”

“Religious Studies helps you understand other people. It is an important qualification to have to enable you to succeed in life”

“Religious Studies helps you understand what other people believe and how other people live”

Video

<https://youtu.be/3p5psxKn1CY>

