Religious Studies A Level

Exam Board: OCR
Entry requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE English Language

Intent

Structure

At Shoreham Academy Sixth Form, A Level Religious Studies offers students the opportunity to explore some of the most significant philosophical, ethical and religious questions facing individuals and society today. The course develops critical thinking, analytical skills and the ability to evaluate different viewpoints through the study of religion, philosophy and ethics.

Students are encouraged to question assumptions, engage in academic debate and construct well-reasoned arguments, making this an excellent preparation for both higher education and the world of work.

Implementation

Content & Sequencing

Philosophy of Religion
Explore key philosophical questions surrounding the existence of God, religious experience, the nature of the soul, and ideas about life, death and the afterlife.

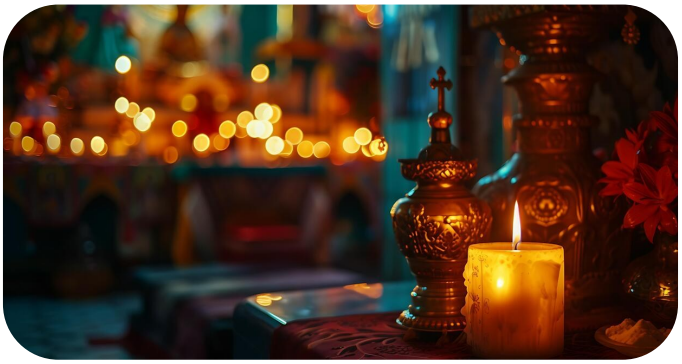
Religion and Ethics
Examine ethical theories and apply them to contemporary moral issues. Students will evaluate different approaches to moral decision-making and consider how ethical principles influence modern society.

Developments in Christian thought
Study Christianity in depth, exploring theological ideas, key beliefs and the challenges religion faces in an increasingly diverse and secular world.

Skills Developed

Throughout the course, students will develop:

- Critical and analytical thinking
- Academic essay writing
- Evaluation and debate skills
- Research and independent learning
- The ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and effectively



Assessment Methods

- 4 hours of teaching time per week
- Three written examinations at the end of Year 13 (100% exam assessed)

Impact

Onward Progression

Religious Studies is highly regarded by universities and employers due to the breadth of knowledge and transferable skills it develops.

At Shoreham Academy Sixth Form, students frequently combine Religious Studies with subjects such as Sociology, History, Psychology, Law, Politics and English.

The course provides an excellent foundation for degrees and careers in:

- Law
- Teaching
- Politics and International Relations
- Journalism and Media
- Social Work
- Philosophy and Theology
- Public Services and the Civil Service
- Business and Management

A Level Religious Studies at Shoreham Academy Sixth Form is an engaging and challenging course that encourages students to think deeply, question thoughtfully and develop a greater understanding of religion, ethics and philosophy in the modern world.

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