



A Level Religious Studies

What will I study?

Religious Studies explores fundamental questions about existence, ethics, and belief. On this course, you'll examine philosophical and ethical theories, the nature of religion, and the impact of religious beliefs on society. You'll study topics such as arguments for the existence of God, the problem of evil, religious language, and ethical approaches to contemporary issues. You'll also explore the beliefs, teachings and practices of major world religions. This subject encourages critical thinking, debate, and reflection on moral and spiritual issues.

How will I be assessed?

A Level Religious Studies is assessed by written examinations at the end of the two-year course. There are typically three papers covering philosophy of religion, ethics, and developments in religious thought. You'll be expected to construct well-reasoned arguments, analyse key concepts, and evaluate different viewpoints. The exam board for this course is AQA.

What are the entry requirements?

You must have five GCSEs at grade 5 or above (including English Language at grade 5 and Maths at grade 4) to meet the general Sixth Form entry requirements at MK College, as well as GCSE Maths at grade 4 or above and GCSE English Language at grade 5 or above to study A Level Religious Studies.

Where will this course lead?

A Level Religious Studies provides a strong foundation for university degrees in Theology, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and related subjects. It's also valuable preparation for careers in education, counselling, social work, journalism, law, and any role requiring ethical awareness and critical thinking.

What combines well with this subject?

Religious Studies complements subjects that involve analysis, discussion and understanding of human behaviour and society. Consider pairing it with: Philosophy, History, Sociology, Psychology, and English Literature.