

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES AS/A2

## THE PROGRAMME

Students study this course in Religious Studies with the OCR exam board. This course includes three areas of study, which are:

*Philosophy of Religion; Ethics and Religion; Development in Religious Thoughts.*

These modules can be studied at both AS and A level and are examined at the end of the course. Links are assessed across the topics in order to reinforce and critically think about the extensive nature of religious, theological, philosophical and moral issues.

The course is delivered utilising a variety of pedagogical methods including: lectures, seminars, workshops, thinking points, student-led presentations and debates. If you have studied RE at GCSE, you must have at least achieved an A/B grade. Additionally, you must also have achieved an A/B grade in English.

## WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Religious Studies is incredibly challenging, hugely interesting and extremely rewarding. The course covers some of the most profound questions in the history of humanity, such as 'Does God exist?' 'Is killing always wrong?' 'Why do innocent people suffer?' and 'Are we really free?' Therein, students discover the intrinsic value in reflecting and contemplating, in order to develop and challenge their own ways of thinking.

## CAREER POSSIBILITIES

Religious Studies opens many different doors due to its skills being highly marketable, desirable and transferable to a range of academic disciplines, careers and endeavours. Recent students are undertaking further studies in Law, Media Studies, History, Theatre Studies, Medicine and many others, as well as the traditional routes of pure Philosophy, Theology and Biblical Studies. Graduates in Religious Studies gain employment in a wide range of areas, e.g. Teaching, Counselling, the Police, Law, the Service Industry and Medicine.

