

# RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (RPE)

## COURSE DETAILS

Religious Studies A

Exam Board: AQA

Specification Code: 8062

Website: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-8061/specification>

### COURSE CONTENT

#### Why choose Religion, Philosophy & Ethics?

**The subject offers exciting debate between religious and non-religious beliefs and attitudes.** This topic area tackles relevant issues in modern British society.

**Modern and engaging** – you will gain a deeper understanding of two religions, and explore philosophy and ethical studies in the modern world.

**Designed to inspire** – the subject includes exciting content that explores relationships and families, peace and conflict, belief in God and non-religious belief.

**Skills for today's world** – RPE can open up the possibility of in-depth debate, which leads to critical evaluation and analysis. All jobs are relevant to RPE but specific skills are developed that support work in medicine, the police force, armed forces, social work, politics and law.

**Straightforward assessment** – It has a simple, clear assessment structure that consists of two written examinations.

**Support and guidance** – You will have support throughout the course from specialist RPE Teachers.

### Areas of Study

#### Component 1: The Study of Religions: Beliefs, Teachings and Practices:

- Christianity
- Buddhism

#### Component 2: Thematic Studies

You will study four religious, philosophical and ethical themes which are:

- Religion, human rights, social justice and poverty
- Religion and life
- Religion, peace and conflict
- Religion, crime and punishment

Students are required to reflect upon, and explain, their own personal viewpoints. Discussion and debate will be a key component of the course; there will also be a mixture of both independent and group work in lessons. Current affairs will also be a regular feature of lessons and students will be encouraged to apply their knowledge and understanding to contemporary and relevant material. All topics are explored within cultural and historical contexts, as well as considering relevant political, social and psychological frameworks.

### ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics is 100% exam-based.

### HOMEWORK

Homework is an essential part of the GCSE course and students will be expected to complete quality homework on a regular basis to enable them to fulfil their potential. Homework could take the form of research, exam practice or creative projects.