

Religious Studies

GCSE – Code: C120QS – Exam Board: Eduqas



Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Assessment:

The final grade for GCSE Religious Studies will be based on three exam papers:

- **1. Catholic Christianity** – Exploring core beliefs, teachings, and practices.
- **2. Judaism** – Understanding the traditions and beliefs of another faith.
- **3. Philosophical and Ethical Studies** – Addressing moral issues such as abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, forgiveness, stewardship, and the role of law in society.

These exams assess pupils on their ability to evaluate religious teachings, engage in philosophical debate, and apply their knowledge to contemporary moral issues.

Key Information:

We believe that Religious Studies is an essential and enriching subject that shapes pupils academically, morally, and spiritually. As a core subject in our curriculum, all pupils follow the Eduqas Specification B, which focuses on Catholic Christianity and Judaism. Pupils will be provided with a deep understanding of religious beliefs, practices, and moral perspectives, encouraging them to think critically about ethical issues that affect society today.

Why choose Religious Studies?

Religious Studies is not just about learning facts—it is an academic and deeply philosophical subject that encourages pupils to question, reflect, and develop strong analytical skills. By studying religion, pupils gain a deeper understanding of the world, different cultures, and key moral debates that shape society.

This subject is highly valued by colleges, universities, and employers, as it demonstrates an

ability to think critically, construct arguments, and understand different perspectives.

Beyond academic success, Religious Studies helps shape pupils into compassionate, open-minded, and thoughtful individuals. By engaging with topics such as forgiveness, justice, peace, and moral responsibility, pupils develop key life skills that make them better citizens, able to navigate ethical challenges in their personal and professional lives.

At St Joseph's, we are committed to ensuring that Religious Studies inspires pupils to think deeply, act justly, and contribute positively to the world. We encourage all parents to see the value of this subject—not only as a key academic qualification but as a transformative journey that helps shape the character and future of our pupils.

Linked Careers:

Religious Studies at GCSE level provides a strong foundation for further study in subjects such as Philosophy, Ethics, Theology, History, and Sociology. It also supports career pathways in:

- **Teaching & Education** – Understanding diverse perspectives and developing communication skills.
- **Social Work & Healthcare** – Developing empathy and ethical reasoning in caring professions.
- **Law & Policing** – Gaining insight into justice, morality, and human rights.
- **Politics & International Relations** – Understanding religious and cultural influences on global affairs.

For more information, see the full course specification:

eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies-gcse/

Or scan here:

