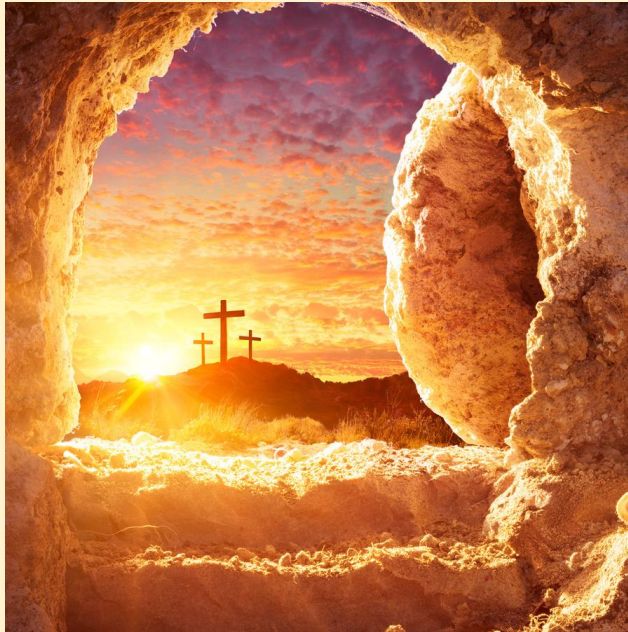


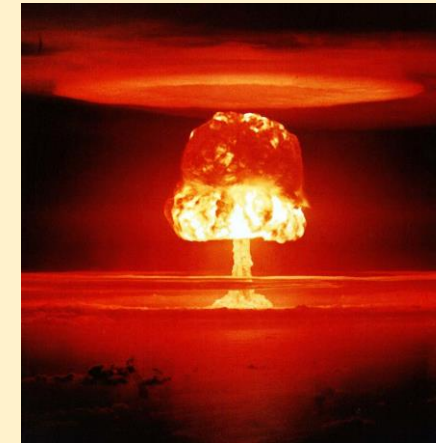
WHAT DO WE STUDY IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT GCSE?



Christianity – Beliefs and Practices



Islam – Beliefs and Practices



Themes:

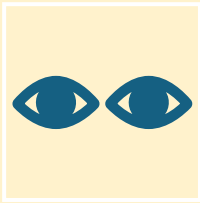
- Relationships and families
- Life, death and afterlife
- Peace and conflict
- Crime and punishment.

WHY DO WE TEACH RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

- RS is an amazing way of **understanding one another**.
- RS **reduces ignorance** in the workplace in future.
- Builds strong **social skills** – great for CVs and everyday life.
- RS helps us **make sense of the world and why there is good and bad** from a place of understanding.



HOW DO WE TEACH RELIGIOUS STUDIES?



Through respectful, conscious and factual knowledge gathering.



Research through textbooks and scriptures.



Memorisation of quotations.



Light discussions.

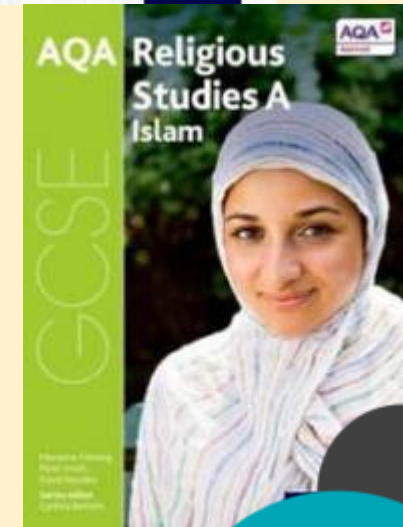
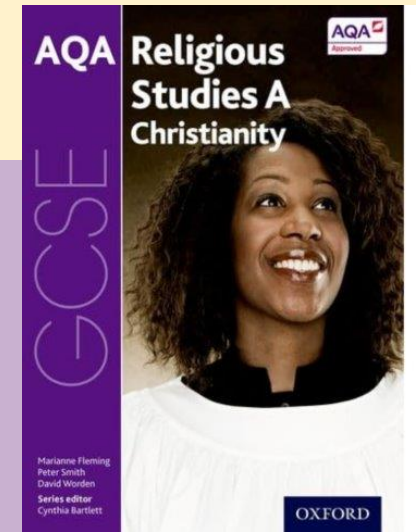
HOW IS RELIGIOUS STUDIES ASSESSED AT GCSE?

Paper 1: Christianity and Islam

- 1 hour 45 mins
- 50% of GCSE
- Range of multiple choice, short questions and longer written answers.

Paper 2: Thematic Studies

- 1 hour 45 mins
- 50% of GCSE
- Range of multiple choice, short questions and longer written answers.



WHERE CAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES GCSE TAKE YOU?

Key transferable skills:

- Religious knowledge
- Ethical/Moral knowledge
- Evaluation
- Argument
- Critical thinking
- Research skills
- Analytical skills
- Written skills

Typical career paths:

- Charity work
- Religious organisations
- Government or Civil Service
- Mediation
- Publishing/media
- Social Care
- Non-Governmental Organisations
- Education
- Law
- Advertising/marketing

FURTHER INFORMATION

- For further information, please discuss during the break this evening at 6.10pm, or with your child's Religious Studies teacher during
 - **Progress Evening on Thursday 5th February 2026.**
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