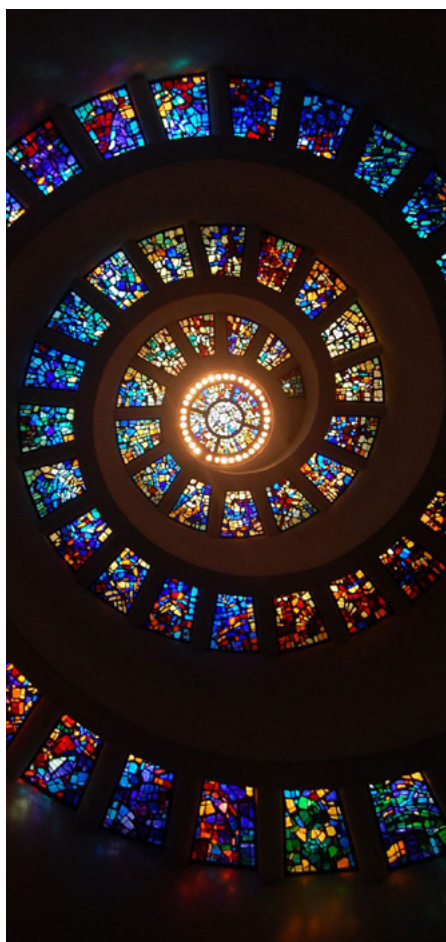


RELIGIOUS STUDIES

AQA 7062

Course Entry Requirements

You should have the following skills: a good level of literacy and the ability to write persuasive essays; an interest in questioning the world around you; the confidence to express your own views whilst respecting the views of others; planning and logical thinking. You should also be willing to read around the subject and be prepared to grapple with challenging philosophical and ethical debates.



Why take Religious Studies?

A wide variety of transferable skills are developed through studying RS and universities recognise RS as a desirable academic subject. Skills include: debating; logical and critical thinking; essay-writing skills; research; empathy; building solid arguments; analysis and questioning.

The activities in lessons at SCGSG are planned to develop and nurture these skills, as well as to teach the subject content to a high level. Class sizes are typically between 15-20 which allows for lively debate to enrich learning whilst being small enough so students receive focused and individualised support.

The exam board we follow is AQA. The course is split into 2 Components:

- Philosophy of Religion and Ethics
- Study of Religion and Dialogues (how religion links to Philosophy and Ethics)

For Component 2, we complete a detailed Case Study of a particular religion. We do a Case Study into Christianity.

RS has helped me develop my essay writing skills which has been useful in many of my other subjects and will prepare me well for university.

I enjoy the fact that you develop the ability to discuss and challenge beliefs, teachings and ideas.

a Year 12 student

Personal Qualities:

For students taking the Religious Studies course, you will need to have:

- A deep interest in religious beliefs and in philosophical/ethical debates;
- A willingness to listen to the views of others as well as give reasons for one's own conclusions;
- Skills of logical thinking and the ability to communicate ideas accurately in speech and in written work;
- A willingness to research and engage in wider reading around topics studied in class.

Careers

RS is an excellent choice for many career path ways due to the transferable skills developed. Students who have taken Religious Studies A-Level in the past have gone on to study a wide variety of exciting courses including: Medicine, Law, Philosophy & Theology, Psychology, Languages, Music, Media and Film, Geography, English, Journalism, and Criminology.