

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

at SCGSG

**Head of Department:**

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**AQA Religious Studies A**  
**- Specification 8062**

## Personal Qualities:

GCSE Religious Studies will build on the skills and knowledge that students have developed during Years 7-9 in their RS lessons. The Options Course includes an in depth study of two religions. The Beliefs and Practices of believers are studied, along with 4 themes that include an exciting selection of religious, philosophical and ethical debates. The structure of the course is as follows:

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

#### **Christianity:**

Key Beliefs about God, the Trinity, Beliefs about Jesus Christ and Salvation.

Main Practices—Worship and Festivals, The Role of the Church in the Community and Across the World.

#### **Sikhism:**

Key Beliefs about the Nature of God, the Mool Mantra and the Guru Granth Sahib, The Nature of Human Life, Karma and Rebirth.

Main Practices—Worship and Service, the role of the Gurdwara, Festivals and Lifestyle: Vaisakhi and Divali, The Golden Temple and Life Events.



### **Post-16 Opportunities**

Religious Studies is an invaluable course for developing transferable skills useful for any Post-16 pathway, especially the A-Level course that we offer here at Sutton Girls.

These skills include being able to plan and write a convincing essay; developing logical and critical-thinking; being able to form a balanced and persuasive argument; viewing things from many perspectives; skills in analysis and evaluation, and problem-solving. We also study many ethical debates seen daily in the news which helps build thoughtful opinions on important and topical issues.

### **Component 2: Thematic Studies**

#### **Relationships and Families:**

Sex, Marriage and Divorce, Families and Gender Equality.

#### **Religion and Life:**

Origins of Life, Pollution and Animal Rights, Abortion, Euthanasia, Beliefs about the Afterlife.

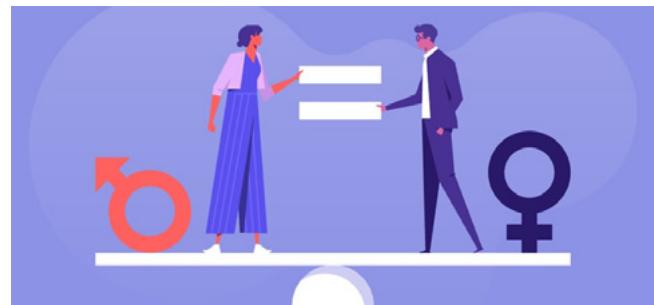
#### **The Existence of God and Revelation:**

Philosophical Arguments For and Against God, The Nature of God and Revelation.

#### **Religion, Crime and Punishment:**

Good and Evil, Causes of Crime, The Aims of Punishment, Criminals, The Death Penalty.

*GCSE Religious Studies will be assessed by 2 separate examinations of 1 hour 45 minutes each.*



### **Careers and life after GCSE**

RS is an excellent choice for many career path ways due to the transferable skills developed. Previously, students who have taken Religious Studies A-Level 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.