

# Religious Studies:

## **Component 1: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World.**

**Written Examination: 2 hours**

**50% of qualification**

Students will study the following four themes. All questions are compulsory.

Theme 1: Issues of Relationships

Theme 2: Issues of Life and Death

Theme 3: Issues of Good and Evil

Theme 4: Issues of Human Rights

This component will be assessed by compulsory questions focusing on knowledge, understanding and evaluation of the identified themes.

## **Component 2: Study of Christianity**

**Written Examination: 1 hour**

**25% of qualification**

Students will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of Christianity.

This component will be assessed by compulsory questions focusing on knowledge, understanding and evaluation of the subject content.

## **Component 3: Study of World Faith**

**Written Examination: 1 hour**

**25% of qualification**

Students will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of one world faith – Option 3 Hinduism

This component will be assessed by compulsory questions focusing on knowledge, understanding and evaluation of the subject content.

### **Specification B EDUQAS**

All students follow the Full Course for two years and have the opportunity to achieve a GCSE in the 2018 summer examinations. The course is designed to suit everyone.

#### **Why study RS?**

RS at KS4 is about continuing to develop your ability to make reasoned and informed judgements about religious and moral issues through adopting an enquiring, critical and reflective approach. RS also promotes a spirit of tolerance and respect for others' beliefs and seeks to prepare you for living in a multi-faith, multi-cultural society.

#### **What skills will be developed in RS?**

- Critical thinking
- Reasoning skills
- Debating skills
- Using evidence to back up arguments
- Ability to analyse
- Presenting points of view

#### **What skills do I need?**

An open mind and the ability to think!

#### **Where does it lead?**

The skills learnt in RS will benefit you whatever subjects you go on to study. You'll have an understanding of other people's lives and beliefs and you will have many opportunities to think about important issues. You could go on to study RS at A Level, where you would further extend the skills you've started to learn at GCSE.