



St Margaret Ward  
Catholic Academy  
Sixth Form

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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## **What is the level of course I will take?**

A Level Religious Studies with  
with OCR

## **What level of GCSEs do I need to take this course?**

Minimum of 5 x GCSE grade 5  
including a Grade 6 minimum in  
Religious Studies

## **How will I be assessed?**

There are 3 exams at the end of the Year  
13:

- Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion
- Paper 2: Religion and Ethics
- Paper 3: Development of Christian Thought



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## Course Content

Religious Studies explores the fundamental questions about reality, morality, and belief systems. It is divided into three main components with each offering a unique perspective on human thought and behaviour.

- **Philosophy:** explores philosophical questions surrounding religion and religious belief (arguments proving God's existence, Ancient Philosophical influences, Mind, Body & Soul, Religious Experience, Evil and Suffering, Nature and Attributes of God, Religious Language, 21st Century Philosophy)
- **Ethics:** deals with moral philosophy, focusing on how we make decisions about what is right or wrong (Natural Law, Situation Ethics, Utilitarianism, Kant, Euthanasia, Business Ethics, Sexual Ethics, Conscience, Meta Ethics)
- **Development of Christian Thought:** specific religious beliefs, texts, and practices (St Augustine and Human Nature, Death and the Afterlife, God's existence, the Person of Jesus, Christian Moral Principles and Actions, Religious Pluralism, Gender and Society, Gender and Theology, Secularism, Liberation Theology)

## How will the course help me after Sixth Form?

This is a rigorous, demanding and enjoyable course and can definitely get you places. Many employers, public services, businesses and academics appreciate the key skills this subject offers and the opportunity to develop communication, enquiry, and problem solving are obviously advantageous for further education, the workplace and beyond. In fact, it's surprising just how many career paths Religious Studies can help with.

Doing Religious Studies can make a significant contribution to any job that requires you to think! Big business – the City firms, the banks, the management consultancies, the chartered accountants, lawyers, teachers, historians – are enthusiastic about people who've done Religious Studies because they know how to think and work at a high level.



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