



SWANMORE COLLEGE

Religious Studies

Course content:

Religious Studies has 2 different exam papers. These are both exams taken at the end of Year 11. Paper 1 focuses on the beliefs, teachings and practices of Islam and Christianity. Paper 2 focuses on an exciting thematic study (including war, abortion and capital punishment) from Islamic, Christian and secular perspectives.

Paper 1: The study of religions (1 hour and 45-minute exam) 50%

Section A: Christian beliefs

- Key beliefs
- Jesus and salvation

Section B: Christian practices

- Worship and festivals
- Role of the church in the local and wider community

Section C: Islamic beliefs

- Key beliefs
- Authority

Section D: Islamic practices

- Worship
- Duties and festivals

Paper 2: Thematic studies (1 hour and 45-minute exam) 50%

Section A: Relationships and families

- Sex, marriage and divorce
- Families and gender equality

Section B: Religion and life

- The origins and value of the universe
- The origins and value of human life

Section C: Religion, peace and conflict

- Religion, violence, terrorism and war
- Religion and belief in 21st century conflict

Section D: Religion, crime and punishment

- Religion, crime and the causes of crime
- Religion and punishment

Revision resources:

- BBC bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgx47h>
 - Revisely: <https://www.revisely.com/gcse/religious-studies/aqa>
 - Exam practice: Embedded into lesson time.
 - Lessons: If students miss lessons, all lessons are uploaded for catch up on Google Drive.
 - Revision clocks: Completed regularly at the end of each unit of study.
 - After school revision: Every other Wednesday in S02.
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