

Subject: GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES (FULL COURSE)

Examination Board: OCR

Syllabus: Religious Studies

Study of religion 50% of course The focus in Year 10 is on Christianity; Year 11 is on Islam

For both Christianity and Islam, 2 aspects are covered: **Beliefs and teachings**, and **Practices**

- **Beliefs and teaching**

Christianity: Nature of God and the Trinity, creation, evil and suffering, the person of Jesus Christ and his role in salvation, eschatological beliefs

Islam: Nature of God, core beliefs, prophethood, sources of wisdom, angels, eschatological beliefs

- **Practices**

Christianity: worship, prayer and sacraments, pilgrimage, the role of the church in the local community and wider world, mission

Islam: Islam as a way of life, public and private worship, the 5 pillars, festivals, jihad

Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World 50% of course

The Year 10 focus is on the 2nd & 4th elements below; Year 11 is on the 1st & 3rd

- Relationships and families: Marriage and family life, gender equality
- The existence of God and ultimate reality: arguments on the existence and nature of God
- Religion, peace and conflict: war and peace, forgiveness and reconciliation
- Belief and non-belief: secularisation, abortion, euthanasia, ecumenism, non-religious views

All 4 themes are studied from a Christian perspective

For full specification details see website www.ocr.org.uk

Skills Developed:

Your daughter will develop the ability to:

- Recall, select and deploy knowledge
- Describe, analyse and explain the key elements of the religions studied
- Describe, analyse and explain the effect of the religions studied on individual and corporate moral behaviour
- Evaluate different responses to religious and moral issues

Support Material:

The following websites could prove useful:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/re/>
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/subjects/religious_studies.shtml
- www.ocr.org.uk

What you could do to support your daughter:

Encourage your daughter to discuss the topics she is learning about at home; including discussion of moral and ethical issues raised in current news stories, television programmes or films.