



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Exam Board: AQA Higher Project Qualification

During the course of Year 9 all students will undertake group study of a range of topics which will broaden both their knowledge and understanding of the adult world. The areas of study are:

- Believing in God
- Matters of Life and Death
- Marriage and the Family
- Religion and Community Cohesion

Students will then choose a topic within one of these four broad areas for supported independent study, leading to a level two (GCSE equivalent) Higher Project Qualification. HPQs have the following intended outcomes:

Students will:

- identify, design and complete an individual project, applying a range of organisational skills and strategies to meet agreed objectives
- obtain critically and use select information from a range of sources. Analyse data, apply it relevantly and demonstrate understanding of any appropriate linkages, connections and complexities of the topic
- select and use a range of skills, including new technologies where appropriate, solve problems, take decisions critically, creatively and flexibly, to achieve planned outcomes
- evaluate outcomes both in relation to agreed objectives and own learning and performance. Select and use a range of communication skills and media to present evidenced outcomes and conclusions in appropriate format.

These skills are also highly valued at all universities and, more broadly, by employers, as they represent the independent working and communications skills needed in the modern workplace generally. This qualification is also highly valued by Russell Group Universities including Oxford and Cambridge and the Medical Schools. The HPQ supports the style of learning and development of skills required for success in the EPQ completed by our Gifted and Talented Sixth Form students.

For further information please speak to Mrs Nicholas.

