

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES - Option

**Examination Board:** OCR Religious Studies



### **Syllabus Content:**

#### **Section One - Ethics**

##### **Medical Ethics**

Abortion, fertility treatment, euthanasia and suicide. The use of animals in medical research.

##### **Poverty + Wealth**

The causes of hunger and disease, attitudes towards the poor, gambling, moral and immoral occupations.

##### **Equality**

Views about prejudice and equality in relation to gender and race. The role of women, attitudes towards other religions. Beliefs about forgiveness.

##### **War + Peace**

Reasons why people go to war. A just war, holy war, pacifism.

##### **Human Relationships**

Sex, marriage and divorce.

#### **Section Two – Philosophy**

##### **Religion + Science**

Origins of the universe (Big Bang, Darwin etc.) and of humankind and animals, environmental issues.

##### **Good + Evil**

Different beliefs about God and Satan. Responses to evil. Conscience. Following a moral code. The Holocaust.

##### **Death + the Afterlife**

Distinction between the body and the soul. Understanding the 'After Life'. Concepts of Reward and Punishment. The way funeral rites reflect beliefs of life after death.

##### **The Nature of God**

What is God? Miracles – are they proof?

Pupils are expected to consider religious and non-religious views on all of these issues. The religions which we will be using are Christianity and Hinduism. You take part in a variety of activities including class discussion, debate, role play and group work. Examination questions are essay based.

### **Assessment:**

Two written examination papers each of two hours duration.

**For further information please contact Mr E Calver**