

# GCSE Religious Education

'Religion is the impotence of the human mind to deal with the occurrences it cannot understand.' – **Karl Marx**

## Course Overview:

BMA scholars will learn about how religions have evolved throughout the centuries and will be taught, in depth, about the impact that religions have on our lives today. Scholars will learn about a range of religious beliefs with an in-depth focus on Christianity and one other religion. Scholars will develop the skills to approach situations with empathy, respect and understanding. Scholars will explore the importance of community, the injustices of prejudice and a range of both religious and non-religious world views.

Scholars will examine, explain, and understand how and why people express their beliefs in diverse ways. This will enable students to make connections between religious and non-religious beliefs so that they are able to discern potential connections between the ideas studied within class and their own perception of the world.

## What are the topics I will study?

### An in-depth study of 2 religions:

- Christianity: Beliefs and Practices
- One other religion from Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism or Sikhism

### Beliefs and Practices 4 Thematic topics:

- Life and death
- Relationships
- Good and evil
- Human rights

## What skills and knowledge will I develop?

- Analytical and critical thinking skills.
- The ability to work with abstract ideas.
- Research skills

These are all transferable skills that will support scholars throughout their career journey.

### Further reading:

Do animals have rights? - Yolanda Brooks  
Should we eat animals? - Andrew Langley  
Why do people fight wars? – Alison Brownlie  
Christianity, a short introduction – Keith Ward  
WJEC Eduqas Specification – [RE – www.eduqas.co.uk](http://RE-www.eduqas.co.uk)

### Qualification Details:

- Qualification: GCSE
- Exam board: EDUQAS

### Assessment Pathway:

3 written examinations:

Component 1 – Religious, Philosophical and Ethical studies in the Modern World - 2 hours (50% of qualification).

Component 2 – Study of Christianity - 1 hour (25% of qualification).

Component 3 – Study of a World Faith - 1 hour (25% of qualification).

### Possible Careers:

Acquiring an RE GCSE, will enable scholars to develop several transferable skills to support them in a variety of jobs:

- Lawyer
- Barrister
- Solicitor
- Journalism
- Teacher
- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusivity Officer.

### Employability Skills:

**-Problem Solving:** The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge.

**-Aiming High:** The ability to set clear, tangible goals and devise a robust route to achieving them.



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