

BVGS RE Department

GCSE

What are the Big Ideas in GCSE Religious Studies?

The big ideas in GCSE Religious Studies are Learning About Religion(s) and Learning From Religion(s) plus the students' own Spiritual Journey. Learning About Religion(s) is the idea that students should understand the key concepts of religion(s). Learning From Religion(s) encourages the students to question, evaluate and reflect upon what they or others could learn from religion(s). The Spiritual Journey is an approach that aims to create space for students to consider their own existence and it is as unique and individual as each individual is unique; and as such, each student eventually comes to attain their education in their own way, in their own time.

What topics will I learn in GCSE Religious Studies?

Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World:

Theme 1: Relationships

Theme 2: Life and Death

Theme 3: Good and Evil

Theme 4: Human Rights

Study of Christianity: The beliefs, teachings and practices of Christianity

Study of a World Faith

Study of Islam: The beliefs, teachings and practices of Islam

How will we study GCSE Religious Studies?

Lessons

Homework

Books

Websites

Film, Television & Radio

Potentially visits

Visiting speakers

How will my work be assessed?

Three end of course exams Year 11:

Component 1 Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World – 50%

Component 2 Study of Christianity – 25%

Component 3 Study of Islam – 25%

There will also be an in class assessment at the end of each topic that is taught. Which will be 8 such assessments through Years 10 & 11. There will be additional assessments during each topic. There will be an end of Year 10 exam and a mock exam in Year 11. All assessments are based upon exam questions.