

Christian Theology

Awarding Body: Students follow the AQA Religious Studies Course.

Course Content and Examination Requirements

The AS course offers an academic approach to the study of religion. It is accessible to candidates of any faith background. The specification is divided into two units – the Old Testament and Religion and Ethics. Each unit encourages the student to adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion. It enables students to reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their learning.

Students can progress to the full Advanced GCE in the second year on successful completion of AS level. A2 level focuses on the New Testament (the Fourth Gospel) and Life, Death and beyond. At A2, the specification enables students to study in greater depth aspects of the Christian faith, including textual, theological, historical, ethical and philosophical perspectives.

Year 12	Year 13
AS Level Units	A2 units leading to full Advanced GCE
Unit RSS01 Religion and Ethics 1 A study of Utilitarianism, Situation Ethics, The Nature and Value of Human Life and Abortion and Euthanasia. 1 written paper – 50% of the total marks.	Unit RST3E New Testament The context of John's Gospel, The Discourses, Signs, Passion and Resurrection Narratives. 1 written paper – 50% of the total marks.
Unit RSS06 Old Testament An introduction to the World of the Old Testament, God's Relationship with the People, The Phenomenon of Prophecy. 1 written paper – 50% of the total marks.	Unit RST4A Life, Death and Beyond Religious and secular perspectives on the nature and value of life, eschatology and apocalyptic teaching, and ideas about the afterlife. 1 written paper – 50% of the total marks.

Entry Requirements

A GCSE B pass is desirable.

Relevance to Further Studies and Careers

Christian Theology is a popular choice for university courses and it can be combined with a wide range of subjects. It can form the basis for numerous careers including those in teaching, nursing and social work.

Further information: Mrs Lanaghan and the RE staff.