

Frequently Asked Questions: Religious Studies

- **Why is Religious Studies important?** Religious Studies (RS) is an important subject to help understand the world around us. It helps students to develop skills including critical thinking, communication, empathy and cultural awareness.
- **Do I have to study RS?** RS is not an optional subject, all students complete the GCSE RS course.
- **What religions do you cover?** In Key Stage 3 (Years 7&8), we focus on all six of the major world faiths: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Hinduism. In Key Stage 4 (Years 9&10), we focus specifically on Islam and Judaism in Year 9, and Islam, Christianity, and Judaism in Year 10. This is in line with exam board requirements.
- **How many RS lessons do you have per week?** Key Stage 3 students have RS lessons once a week. In Key Stage 4, this is increased to twice a week.
- **When do you sit the exam?** GCSE RS at TIGHS is a two-year course. This means students will sit the exam at the end of Year 10. This allows them to choose an option subject in Year 11.
- **Which exam board do you use?** AQA.
- **Are there any enrichment opportunities?** We have an annual Faith Trail trip, where we visit places of worship to learn more about different faiths. Students also participate in events such as Holocaust Memorial Day, Interfaith Dialogue Workshops, The Global Acts of Unity School Tour, Srebrenica Memorial Day and Black History Month.
- **How well do our students perform in RS?**

GCSE RESULTS	% Grade 9-5	% Grade 9-7
2018	96%	77%
2019	92%	77%
2020 (Teacher Prediction)	95%	77%

- **What do our students do after studying RS?** Many of our students move on to studying RS at A Level. RS helps develop a range of transferable skills that prepare students for a range of different subjects including English, History, Politics and Philosophy.