

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A LEVEL COURSE DESCRIPTION

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Students are required to have grade 6 or above in Religious Studies/Education, as with no prior RE at KS4 the course would be extremely difficult.

DEPARTMENTAL ENRICHMENT AND STUDENT SUPPORT

The department does its best to ensure every student achieves their potential. Study support sessions are available and revision sessions run before examinations.

The department offers trips throughout the year.

Teaching and learning resources are available online through Show my Homework and Google Classroom.

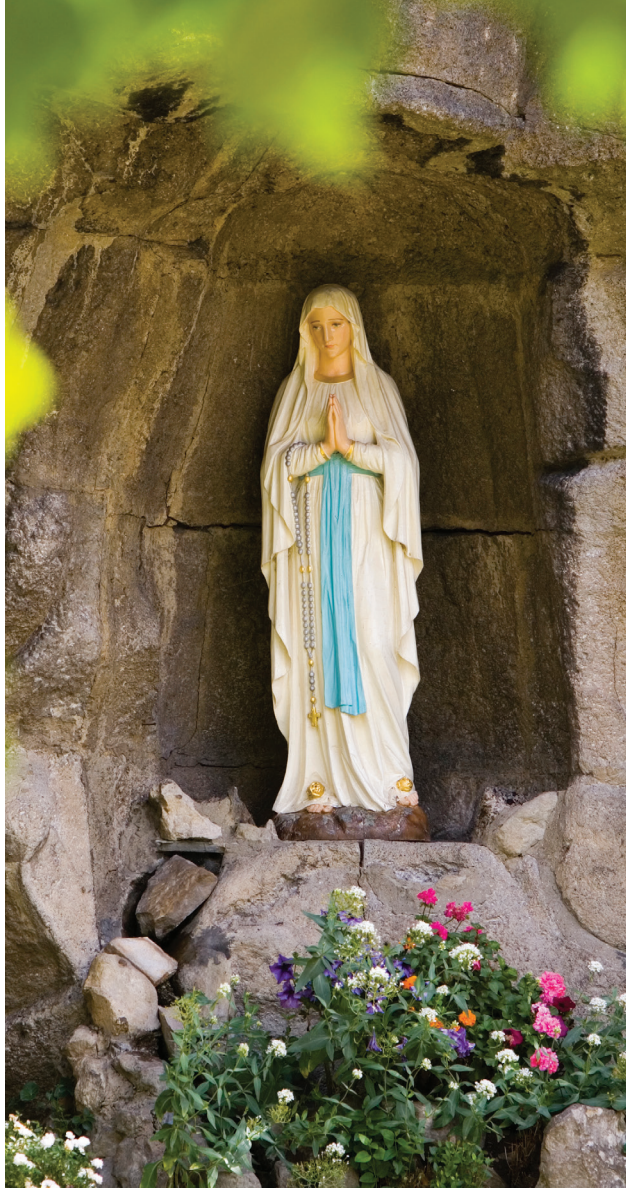


Progression

Religious Studies is an excellent compliment to many other A level subjects particularly Economics, Politics, Sociology, English and Art. Students may take a wide variety of pathways, into roles such as journalism, curators, social care, social work, the police force or teaching.

Religious Studies at St Angela's provides students with spiritual, moral and philosophical development. Over the last 3 years students have progressed to Universities such as St Mary's, Canterbury and Bath.





COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is split into two modules:

Module 1: Philosophy and Ethics

Module 2: Christian belief and practice

Part 1:

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION and ETHICS

Philosophy of Religion and Ethics Explores God through religious and non-religious interpretations of religious experience as well as looking at classical arguments for the existence of God. The course also addresses the problem of Evil, and whether a Loving and All Powerful God would allow this to happen. The Ethical modules address methods to making moral and ethical decisions and looks at the application to human life and animal rights

Part 2:

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS AND PRACTICE

Christian belief and practice explores the foundation of Christian beliefs through the Bible and Christian tradition. The course develops a deeper understanding of Jesus and his role and purpose in the world, as well as the impact and effect on Christian life, practice and behaviour

EXAM FORMAT

The AS and A2 course is made up of two modules. At AS students sit a two hour exam for Philosophy and Ethics and a 1 hour exam in the Christianity unit.

At A2 students combine elements of all the course and sit two 3 hour exams on Philosophy, ethics and impact on Christian lifestyle.

There is no coursework element in either AS or A2

ASSESSMENT

Students will be expected to meet the assessment criteria, through linking their knowledge and understanding. At A Level students will be required to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skills in greater depth and over a wider range of content than at AS. Students will select and demonstrate clearly relevant knowledge and critically evaluate and justify a point of view through the use of evidence and reasoned argument.

Routes for Success - Humanities

The Routes to Success Programme is designed for ALL students in Year 12 at St Angela's Ursuline 6th Form. The HUMANITIES programme aims to offer students opportunities to work with both industry and universities, opportunities will include links with; The Houses of Parliament,

Black Lawyers Directory, Debate Mate, Trowers and Hamlin, St Mary's and Leicester University. Summer school opportunities will include links with; UCL History, SOAS and London Met.

Please note- All Year 12 students will select one main 'Route for Success' from these in order to experience a specialist enrichment and learning support programme. It will, of course, be possible to select a subject/subjects from another route on your timetable. We base our Routes to Success Programme on the university curriculum structure and university links are not exclusive to one route, so can be accessed by all students.

