Westfield Academy - Curriculum Information

The Eduqas AS & A level in Religious Studies encourages learners to:

- Develop their interest in a rigorous study of religion and belief and relate it to the wider world
- Develop knowledge and understanding appropriate to a specialist study of religion
- Develop an understanding and appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies
- Adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion
- Reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study.

Religious Education

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Lessons per 2 week cycle	Year 12 - 10 lessons
Specification/Board details/Key stage	Eduqas

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Paper by Paper (Papers are taught concurrently across the year)

Christianity	Ethics	Philosophy
Religious Figures and Sacred Texts Jesus' birth Jesus' resurrection Bible **Religious Concepts** Nature of God Trinity Atonement **Religious Life** Faith and works Community of believers Key moral principles **Religious Practices** Baptism Eucharist Festivals	**Ethical thought** Divine command theory Virtue theory Ethical egoism **Aquinas Natural Law** Laws and precepts Role of virtues Voluntary euthanasia and abortion **Situation ethics** Fletcher's situation ethics Principles Homosexual and polyamorous relationships **Utilitarianism** Bentham John Stuart Mill Application of Utilitarianism	**Arguments for the existence of God - inductive** Cosmological Teleological Challenges **Arguments for the existence of God - deductive** Ontological Developments Challenges **Problem of evil and suffering** Evil and suffering Augustinian type theodicy Irenaean type theodicy **Religious Experience** Nature of religious experience Mystical experience

		Challenges to objectivity and authenticity
Key Skills developed	Listening, literacy, empathy, cultural awareness, dialogue, cooperation, respect, compassion	
Useful Websites	BBC Bitesize Seneca Learning The Panpsycast Podcast	
Reading/Literacy requirements /Key Words	Key words and quotes will be taught in lessons which pupils will be expected to learn and know for the classroom. Pupils will have extended reading time in class for newspaper articles, subject publications etc.	
Homework requirements	Wider reading, pre-reading tasks, podcasts, exam style questions, learning of key words and quotes, independent learning.	
Personal Development Links	A level Religious Studies is designed to enable learners to develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, a study of religion and its place in the wider world.	
Trips/Visits (If applicable)	N/A	