

A-Level Philosophy & Ethics



Opportunities

Students studying Religious Studies are taught by highly-experienced subject specialists. Pupils have the opportunity to attend A Level subject conferences each year.

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Explore the questions that have challenged humans for centuries

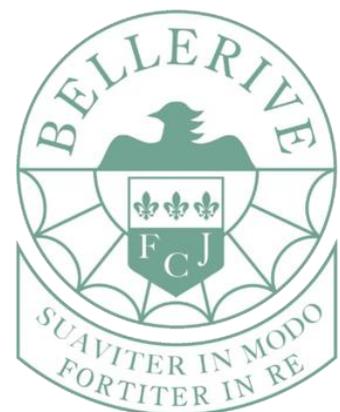
- Does God exist?
- How do we discern right from wrong?
- Is Christianity 'irredeemably sexist'?
- Can we ever use human language to describe God?

Why study this course at Bellerive FCJ Sixth Form?

Religious Studies has never been more relevant than it is today. In a world of fake news, the question 'what is truth?' is of paramount importance. Through your study of Philosophy, you will examine if and how we can gain an understanding of objective truth. In Ethics, you will consider the different ways in which we can judge right from wrong. In Christianity, you will consider the relevance of religion in the modern world and whether it still has a role to play in public life. If you like discussion, debate and critical thinking then Religious Studies is the ideal subject for you!

"We cannot live in a world interpreted for us by others. An interpreted world is not a hope. Part of the terror is to take back our listening, to use our own voice, to see our own light."

-St Hildegard of Bingen





What will I study?

We follow the AQA specification which is split into three key areas of study-Christianity, Ethics and Philosophy. Topic studied as part of this include:

- What is the purpose of life?
- Is morality relative?
- Is Capital punishment acceptable?
- Can we trust accounts of religious experience?
- Is Christianity irredeemably sexist?

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed with two exams at the end of year 13.

Can I take this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

Students would need to demonstrate an aptitude and passion for the subject.

What can the course lead on to?

Religious Studies is a highly-regarded A Level by both employers and universities as it supports the development of key skills including critical thinking, analysis, communication and debate. The Russell group of top universities describe Religious Studies as 'suitable preparation for university' and Oxford and Cambridge include it in their top level list of 'suitable arts A Levels'.

Many people who take A Level Religious Studies go on to careers in Law, Medicine, Education, Social work or the charity sector.

What have previous students said about this subject?

'RE helps you to think on a deeper level and question normalised ideas and theories. It expands your knowledge on how the world works, challenging society and individuals. Not only does it include the deeper meaning of religion, it ties in with other subjects' -**Ava W**

'I find this subject very enjoyable as it has many interesting topics. We have class discussions which gives new and different views. I would recommend RE as it helps build confidence' -**Isabella B**