

## A level Subject Information

**Subject: Religious Studies**

### **What the subject is about:**

The study of religion makes a particular contribution to students' understanding of spiritual, moral and cultural issues by encouraging them to reflect upon their own attitudes and those of others. It provides students with the opportunity to learn about, discuss, evaluate and learn from religious beliefs, practices and values.

### **Course content and assessment schedule:**

Paper	Duration	Season when first taken	Brief outline of main content. (Identify where coursework or practical forms part or all of a module)
1	1 hour and 20 minutes	Summer Yr 13	<b>Year 13 – AS 2 – An Introduction to Acts of the Apostles</b> – This unit explores the beginnings of the Church of the New Testament, tracing the journey of the gospel. In addition, candidates are required to explore the relationship of Acts of the Apostles to other aspects of human experience.
2	1 hour and 20 minutes	Summer Yr 13	<b>Year 13 – AS 5 – The Origins of the Celtic Church in Ireland and the Beginnings of its Missionary Outreach</b> – This unit explores pre-Patrician Ireland and the arrival of Christianity, the mission and writings of Patrick and the introduction of monasticism. In addition, at A/S Level candidates are required to explore the relationship of this unit to other aspects of human experience.
3	2 hours	Summer Yr 14	<b>Year 14 – A2 2 – A Study of Acts, Galatians and 1 Corinthians.</b> This unit develops the material covered in Year 13. It explores Paul's work as a pastor and preacher and traces Paul's journey to Rome. Students are also required to explore the relationship of Acts, Galatians and 1 Corinthians to their other unit of study (A2 5) and to other aspects of human experience.
4	2 hours	Summer Yr 14	<b>Year 14 – A2 5 – A Study of the Development and Impact of the Celtic Church in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Centuries.</b> This unit explores, in more detail, the development of the Celtic Church in Ireland and critically examines the impact of that development on the Church in Ireland, Britain and the Continent. Students are also required to explore the relationship of the Celtic Church to their other unit of study (A2 2) and to other aspects of human experience.

### **Entry requirements:**

<b>Compulsory GCSE subjects</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Desirable subjects</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Religious Studies	Grade B or above in these subjects.		
English Language			

### **Qualities / skills needed to succeed in the course**

Candidates must be prepared to revise thoroughly, research independently and manage their time effectively.  
AS Level Religious Studies requires candidates to produce clear and coherent essays on a regular basis.