

## GCSE 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 beliefs, and those of others, in relation to the topics under consideration. 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	% of total	Content
1	1 hour and 30 minutes	50%	<b>Module 1C – The Christian Life and St. Mark's Gospel (Year 11).</b> This module provides an opportunity for the study of aspects of Christian belief and practice with specific reference to the Person and Ministry of Jesus, as presented in St. Mark's Gospel. Candidates will develop a knowledge and understanding of the gospel, of specified themes, and of the ways in which modern beliefs have been drawn from the Gospel account. <b>Topics:</b> Authority. The Person of Jesus. Suffering, Death and Resurrection. The Christian Community. The Kingdom of God. Faith and Prayer. Discipleship. Leadership. Worship. Baptism.
2	1 hour and 30 minutes	50%	<b>Module 2B – Effects of the Roman Catholic Tradition upon Aspects of Christian Lifestyle and Behaviour (Year 12).</b> This module examines the effect of the Roman Catholic Tradition upon aspects of Christian lifestyle and behaviour. This module focuses on the distinctive effect of the Roman Catholic Tradition. <b>Topics:</b> The Commandments. The Sermon on the Mount. The Sacraments of Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) Respect for Human Life (Abortion and Euthanasia). The Sacraments of Vocation (Marriage and Vocation) The Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick). Justice and Reconciliation. Crime and Punishment. War and Peace.

**Attributes needed to succeed in the course**

Candidates must be prepared to revise thoroughly, research independently and manage their time effectively. Candidates should be able to produce clear and coherent answers which display their knowledge, understanding and their ability to evaluate and clearly state their own opinions