

At HFUTC all Key Stage 4 students will follow and be entered for a full course GCSE in Religious Studies. Currently students are following the AQA Religious Studies A (8062) syllabus. This is divided into two core areas of study:

- The study of religion: Beliefs, teachings and practices (1 hour 45 mins)
- Thematic Studies: Religious, ethical and philosophical issues. (1 hour 45 mins)

Each component is worth 50% of the exam and is examined by one written paper lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes. At HFUTC our chosen areas of specialism are **Christianity and Islam** and students will learn a variety of religious beliefs and practices from these two religions and how they are applied to a range of ethical and philosophical issues. In paper 2 students are also able to apply their own religious beliefs/non beliefs to the issues. The two year course is divided up into five distinct areas of study with religious beliefs being taught throughout the whole course.

	Autumn Term	Spring term	Summer Term
Year 10	Religion and life issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abortion • Euthanasia • Animal rights • Environment 	Religion, human rights and social injustice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prejudice and discrimination • Human Rights • Attitudes to Wealth • Poverty 	Religious practices This unit explores a range of religious practices inside both religions, for example: fasting, pilgrimage, types of worship and support for the community.
Year 11	Relationships and families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage • Divorce • Sexual relationships • Contraception 	Religion, crime and punishment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good and Evil • Causes of crime • Punishment systems • Forgiveness and Reconciliation 	Examination Period

The ethical and philosophical modules may change in accordance with the learning needs of the students or the college but have been chosen where possible to support the focus on health care.

Within RS students are assessed regularly in line with HFUTC assessment and data policies and all assessments are graded for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.