

GCSE SHORT COURSE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

EXAMINING BOARD: AQA

Course Content:

This two year course should give students a sense of achievement and enable them to acquire and develop knowledge of the beliefs, value and tradition of religion, to consider a range of responses to the challenge of Jesus and to try to answer fundamental questions of life raised by religious and human experience. At the end of the course pupils can achieve a full GCSE grade A*–G.

You will study ...

The Christian Life and St Mark's Gospel under four headings:

- *Authority:* How and why Mark's Gospel was written and the implications for Christians today.
- *The Person of Jesus:* The meaning and significance of Christian titles for Jesus both for disciples and modern Christians. The relevance and importance of the Person of Jesus today, as presented by St Mark.
- *Suffering Death and Resurrection:* Jesus' example of self-sacrifice and his suffering, death and resurrection. The central place which these events have within Christianity and the Christian belief in life after death.
- *The Christian Community:* The beginnings of the Christian Community, its priorities and practices as shown in the real life teaching of Jesus. The importance and relevance of these themes for Christian life today.

You will be assessed in the following way ...

An exam lasting 1½ hours.

Future Prospects:

The content of the course helps equip students with the knowledge and skills which are essential for careers in:

- *The caring field:* e.g. teaching, nursing, social work, child care.
- *Journalism and the media*
- *Arts and Humanities*

