

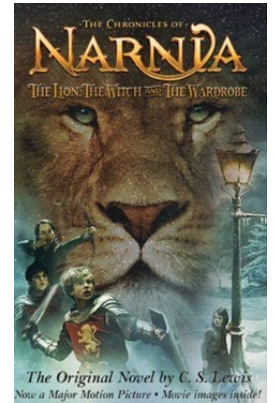
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GCSE Religious Studies



People who study Religious Studies don't all become religious leaders. They become **campaigners, politicians, lawyers, writers and speakers**- people whose job it is to **think deeply, argue clearly, and understand different views**



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What will I study?

Big questions about life, morality & society



**Judaism
&
Christianity**



**In Paper 2 you
can answer from
ANY religion**



How will I be assessed?

- **2 exam papers of 1 hour 45 minutes.**
- **One of your first exams, complete by half term.**
- **Mix of multiple choice, short-answer, explain 2 and evaluate questions.**

Explain two ways belief God is the creator may influence a Christian. [4]

Explain two Jewish beliefs about the Promised Land. [6]

Example evaluation statements;
“Abortion is never the best option”
“Sex before marriage is wrong”
“A war can never be just if nuclear weapons are used”
“The death penalty should be used for murderers”
“Christmas is the most important festival”
“Circumcision is the most important Jewish tradition”

Progression after GCSE

A-Levels;

Theology, Philosophy & Ethics **Criminology**, Sociology, **Psychology, Politics, Law**, History, **Economics**, Government & Politics, **Drama**, Applied Law, **Art**

BTEC;

Applied Psychology, Applied Science, **Health & Social Care**

T-Level;

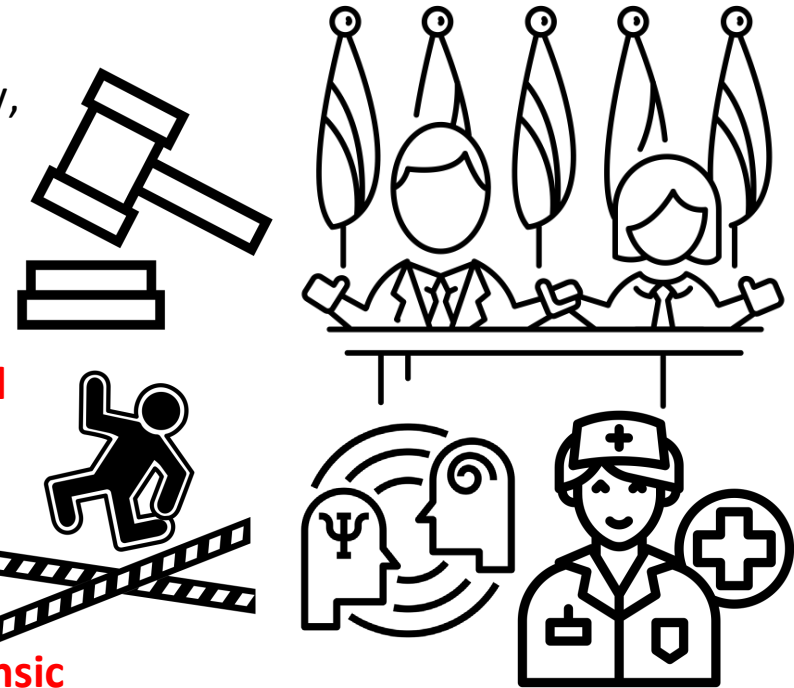
Education & Childcare, Supporting Adult Nursing, Supporting the Mental Health Team, **Childcare, Forensic & Criminal Investigation**, Travel & Tourism

Diplomas:

Caring for Children, Early Years Practitioner, Health & Social Care, **Entry to uniformed Services**, Policing

Apprenticeships;

Coaching Professional, Customer Service, Salvation Army



- 82% go onto employment or further study.
- 30% go into legal, social or welfare careers.
- Many graduates work in the NHS, youth work, counselling or community roles

Skills- Education and beyond

Critical Thinking

Question, analyse, compare and justify beliefs rather than learning facts. Evaluate arguments and justify conclusions.

Confidence

Reflect on and articulate your own values, defend your opinions and face challenging and controversial topics

Debate & Discussion

Listen to and challenge beliefs different to your own. Justify choices clearly and empathetically. Study topics where there is no single right answer

Empathy & Understanding

Discuss sensitive topics respectfully. Learn why people believe what they do and how people respond to situations differently

“Religious Studies is about understanding the world and people, thinking for yourself and learning how to argue your point clearly – These are skills that employers want and that matter far beyond the classroom”

Is it the right choice for me?

- **Open-minded**
- **Enjoy debate**
- **Interested in people and society**
- **Like writing and arguing a point**
- **Choosing other humanities**
- **Enjoy connecting learning to modern life and the news**
- **Want to make a difference**
- **Sense of humour**

