

EXAMINATION BOARD &  
SPECIFICATION NUMBER:

AQA 8062

# GCSE RELIGIOUS, PHILOSOPHICAL AND ETHICAL STUDIES IN THE MODERN WORLD



## COURSE CONTENT

### Why Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of **one western and one eastern religion and non-religious beliefs such as atheism and humanism**. They will learn to construct well argued, well informed, balanced and structured arguments. Students will engage with questions of belief, value, meaning and purpose and their influence on human life. This course prepares students for adult life in a pluralistic society and global community.

The course covers the diversity of responses to the following: **peace and conflict; the origins of the universe, stewardship, environmental responsibility and sustainability; the sanctity of life, attitudes towards abortion and euthanasia and life after death; crime and punishment, forgiveness and good, evil and suffering.**

## ASSESSMENT

The GCSE full course is made up of all **three** components across the two years with **two exams which are one- and three-quarter hours each** at the end of Year 11.

Paper 1 (50%) of qualification Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World.

Paper 2 Christianity (25%) and Hinduism (25%).

## PROGRESSION & FUTURE CAREERS

Careers where it is important to have knowledge of what really matters to people:

Health Care, Medicine, Psychologist, Customer Services, Teaching, Personnel Management.

Careers which make good use of the research, investigatory and report writing techniques learned in studying RPE:

Law, Police work, Forensic Science, Psychology, Public Services, Management.

Careers where you need specific knowledge of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics:

Teaching, Social work, Ministry, Conservation, Archaeology, Museum work, Fine Art, Natural History, Architecture and Youth work.

## WEBSITE

Examination Board:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062>