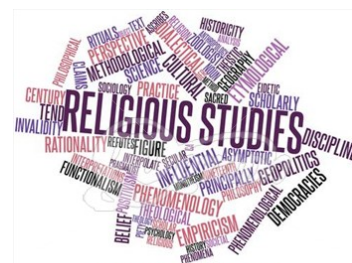


Religious Studies (Short Course - Statutory)

Astudiaethau Crefyddol (Cwrs Byr – Statudol)

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Overview of course content

Religious Studies (short course) is the statutory course provided in school for all students. The distinctive nature of this course is that it involves a thematic study of some of the most important questions and issues in human life and experience. Issues are explored from both a religious and non-religious standpoint.

The course includes the study of:

1. An introduction to two World Religions – Christianity and Islam.
2. Issues of life and death including the debate between science and religion, ethical issues including abortion and euthanasia, the origin and sanctity of human life and questions about life and beliefs about the afterlife.
3. Issues of good and evil including consideration of why there is evil and suffering in the world, solutions to this problem, issues surrounding forgiveness and the topic of crime and punishment including debate about the death penalty.

The course gives students the opportunity to study the connections between religion and culture and to consider their own moral values and attitudes. A range of skills are developed during the course, including: the ability to make personal judgements on important moral issues; develop skills of communication and discussion; understand and empathise with a range of viewpoints; evaluate and justify contrasting views and the ability to use a variety of sources of information.

Summary of assessment

Assessment is through one examination at the end of the course in Year 11

Learning Pathways post 16

Religious Studies is a valuable qualification for any future employment as it is based around people, culture and beliefs. In terms of further study, it is an excellent basis for studying AS/A Level Religious Studies or Philosophy and Ethics Post 16