A Welcome from the Principal

DLD College was founded in 1931 to provide tutoring for Oxbridge and Colonial Service entrance exams. Today we are a leading independent fifth & sixth form college that offers over 400 students a wide-ranging curriculum in superb learning accommodation delivered by tutors who are selected both for their academic strength, enthusiasm and their ability to relate positively to young people.

We are still helping students achieve grades they often didn’t believe possible and preparing them to access the university courses and destinations of their choice.

DLD College is a dynamic place to study providing high quality GCSE, A Level & BTEC courses. Our lessons are lively and encourage students to discuss ideas, ask questions and actively learn. We recognise that choosing the most appropriate programme of study is a very important part of the application process and we therefore invite all those interested in enrolling at DLD to interview to discuss your subjects.

At DLD College we offer a unique alternative to traditional school life whilst still maintaining a strong academic ethos. We believe small class sizes encourage a more purposeful learning and allow for a greater measure of individual attention, helping students to be more focused on their studies and building their confidence. Regular testing is carried out fortnightly to develop effective study habits. Students learn important study skills including note taking, essay writing, time management, revision and exam technique. On average, class sizes at DLD are between 6 and 8 students.

It is the strong reputation of our teachers that attract students to enrol at with us. All DLD tutors are graduate specialists, some are text book authors or examiners, and a high proportion are Oxbridge educated or holders of post graduate degrees.

Each student is allocated a Personal Tutor who monitors his or her progress as they move through the course. The welfare of students is paramount and the personal tutors are backed up by a team of Directors of Studies. Reports are sent out regularly and parents are encouraged to contact the college at any time for updated information. Attendance is monitored lesson by lesson and parents are alerted to any unauthorised absence or lateness.

I am proud of DLD’s reputation as a top college. I hope the information in this guide is a helpful starting point and would encourage you to come in and experience the college for yourself.

Rachel Borland
Principal
General Information

Accreditation
The college is inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate and is a member of the Independent Schools Association. As well as accreditations by the British Council, UKCISA and CReSTEED.

The Independent Schools Council publishes information on DLD.

The College Day
Lessons start at 8.50 am. The last lesson finishes at 4.40 pm. There are two fifteen-minute breaks and a 40 minute lunch break.

How to find the College
DLD is situated in the heart of London. The Marylebone campus is five minutes’ walk from Bond Street Underground Station and seven minutes’ walk from Baker Street Underground and Marylebone mainline stations. The Belgravia campus is three minutes’ walk from Victoria Station and ten minutes’ walk from Green Park Underground.

Books and DLD Study Guides
Students buy their own textbooks. In many subjects tutors at DLD have written Study Guides: these are comprehensive notes geared specifically to the syllabuses being taught and are available on the Learning Platform.

Application Procedures
All prospective students attend an interview and should bring with them their most recent school report. Places are held open for six weeks from the date of the offer letter apart from August during the post-results recruitment period.

Accommodation
APEL provides excellent accommodation for students either at homestays or in state of the art boarding facilities 30 minutes away from the college.

Learning Centre
A collaborative learning space supervised by our eLearning Coordinator. The Learning Centre is equipped with computers and Wi-Fi for personal laptops. The IT study is adjacent to the Learning Centre where students can use the Learning Platform to access tutor’s notes, homework schedules, past exam papers and other supplementary learning resources.

Student Common Room
The Student Common Room has chilled and filtered water fountains, together with vending machines providing a range of sandwiches, drinks and snacks. There are computers for personal browsing and college work. Table football is also available for students throughout the day. Marylebone Lane and the surrounding area has many eateries and food shops that are often reviewed as being amongst the very best in London.
As a GCSE student you will be able to share in all of the facilities and expert tuition that is offered across the college. The GCSE qualification is taught intensively over one year and is excellent preparation for your future studies. Apart from the required Mathematics and English courses, you can choose up to 5 other subjects from a wide range of subjects. The options table can be found at the end of this prospectus. Our advice is to choose subjects that you enjoy and believe you can excel in, but to also consider giving yourself as broad a range of studies as possible as this will benefit your future beyond A level and university into employment.

GCSE students have the opportunity to benefit from many of our sporting and extra-curricular opportunities including: football; basketball; rock-climbing; tennis; DLD’s Got Talent; Art and Photography clubs; LAMDA; British Exploring Society expeditions.

Head of Year

The GCSE Head of Year is responsible for overseeing the effective completion of your GCSE courses together with your welfare throughout the year. Weekly meetings are held with your personal tutor and subject tutors to discuss progress. The Head of Year is in regular contact with your parents. They can help you to come up with strategies for coping with academic and/or personal challenges. The Head of Year also issues and supervises the weekly detention. At the end of each month, the Head of Year awards hard working students with The Student of The Month Certificate.

Personal Tutor

Each GCSE student belongs to a tutor group and meets regularly with their Personal Tutor. There is a weekly session where the whole tutor group meet to discuss issues and review individual targets.
The following subject courses are usually available, though all are subject to demand. We are sometimes able to provide a subject not shown below.

- Art
- Biology
- Business Communication Systems
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- Graphic Communication
- History
- Maths
- Music
- Physics
- Religious Studies
“GCSE Art is fantastic. I have explored so many different materials and skills, and my confidence has really grown. My art teachers have been so supportive and encouraging, now I feel ready for the challenges of studying A level Art”

Quote from DLD student

Exam Board: AQA
Exam Code: 4201

What is Art?
This is a broad course exploring practical and critical/contextual work through a range of 2D and/or 3D processes and mixed media and photography. It is an unendorsed course where candidates can work in appropriate art, craft and design materials and processes. Students will produce practical and contextual work associated with the exploration of Fine Art, Graphic Design, Three-Dimensional Design, Photography and/or Textiles.

What will I study?
Two projects (units) during the year: in Unit 1 (Portfolio of Work) and Unit 2 (Externally Set Task) students will work on group projects exploring and developing skills and technical ability in a range of materials and processes. Having built up their repertoire of skills, students can then choose the particular areas of Art they would like to explore in greater detail. Students will need to complete two sketchbooks per unit showing the development of their art in lessons and through a range of practical homework. Annotation, explanation and written analysis are required for each sketchbook.

Why should I study Art?
Art is a fascinating and rewarding subject that encourages the use of your imagination and creativity. You will acquire a range of skills and abilities to help you engage with the world in a visual and tactile way. The Art Department at DLD has a proven track record of success at both GCSE and A level whilst also preparing final year students for application to prestigious Art Foundation courses and careers in the Arts.

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What do I need?
Above all you will need an interest in art and a willingness to learn and develop your skills and ideas. A digital camera (preferably 10 megapixels) would be useful. A range of drawing, painting and craft materials would also help you to develop your skills in homework and in Art lessons.
Biology

“When I came here I enjoyed Biology, but I definitely wouldn’t say it was my favourite subject and I also wasn’t that great at it. Being at DLD has really helped me to grasp it and understand it much better. I am going to take Biology A level and am hoping to study Applied Biology at university.”

Quote from DLD student

Exam Board: OCR 21st Century Science
Exam Code: Biology A J243

What is Biology?
The dramatic breakthroughs of modern Biology have provided an unprecedented understanding of living organisms. Advances in Biology often make headlines as they affect our lives in a myriad of ways. These include: developing new medicines, using biotechnology and enhancing global food production with the techniques of molecular biology.

What will I study?
The GCSE Biology course is divided into seven chapters that cover genes and inheritance (B1), human health (B2), life on earth (B3), the processes of life (B4), growth and development (B5) and brain and mind (B6). The final chapter (B7) explores these topics in greater depth.

Why should I study Biology?
Biology is relevant to everyone who wants to know more about how their body works and how all life on earth is inter-related. It develops skills of data analysis and evaluation as well as practical and investigative skills.

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What do I need?
To succeed in this course, students should have a genuine interest in learning about the processes that underlie life, especially with regards to human biology. Due to the accelerated nature of this course, regular revision and good organisational skills are important to develop a thorough understanding and to achieve good exam results.

Notes/Reading List
What is Business and Communication Systems?
It has become increasingly important in the global workplace to confidently use and understand ICT software, particularly in the context of running a successful business organisation. By the end of this course you will have the vital skills required for further study and employment in both ICT and Business Studies.

What will I study?
This engaging course teaches current and emerging ICT systems within a business context. Students will gain knowledge and confidence in using office software by ensuring they have the practical skills needed to use and operate standard office software. You will explore and suggest improvements to business communication systems, considering the impact on the business and its stakeholders. You will also evaluate the role of business within society.

Why should I study Business Communication Systems?
In a 21st century globalised market economy, the role of business and information technology is a key component to its continuation. Whilst learning to appreciate the core elements that go into making the system work it is also important to question the role that business has in society. This course can enlighten you as to what makes good customer service, whether McDonald’s™ or Nike™ really are ethically sound companies to purchase from and what it is that makes up a significant threat to data security.

How is it assessed?
There are three units:

Unit A265
Businesses and their Communication Systems
Written examination – 1 hour 30 minutes
50%

Unit A266
Developing Business Communication Systems
Controlled Assessment – up to 10 hours research and up to 5 hours writing up.
25%

Unit A267
ICT Skills
Practical Examination
1 hour
25%

What do I need?
An interest and aptitude for ICT. An interest in business and economic activities. The ability to build arguments and distinguish facts from opinions.

Reading List:
OCR Business and Communication Systems for GCSE published by Hodder.
ISBN 9780340984437
“I love Chemistry! It is a great subject taught by someone who is brilliant and also very funny. I would do anything to attend my Chemistry classes.”

Quote from DLD student
**Drama**

“I loved it. I felt like I was a child again, in the playground. It was hard work but such fun – it became more adventurous, more exciting”

“We could explore a lot with the lines – it was great fun. It was awesome”

Quotes from DLD students

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**Exam Board: Edexcel**

**What is Drama?**

GCSE Drama is a practical, artistic subject which aims to develop creative and imaginative powers. It is all about understanding what it is like to put yourself in someone else’s shoes. You will play many parts in different imaginary situations. This is a course of self-expression, play and creating a group dynamic from which anything is possible. Theatre visits form an integral part of the course, with at least one being reviewed in detail for assessment.

**What will I study?**

- How drama is created, including all the acting and staging skills that are needed to put a piece of drama on to the stage
- How to create a character and play this character in a performance
- Exploring different play scripts and how a playwright structures their ideas
- Various stimuli to help prompt and develop improvised scenes
- Many skills that are highly valued in any walk of life including teamwork and confidently presenting yourself in public.

**Why should I study Drama?**

“We will not succeed in navigating the complex environment of the future by peering relentlessly into a rear view mirror. To do so, we would be out of our minds.”

Sir Ken Robinson

Creativity is the greatest gift of human intelligence. The more complex the world becomes, the more creative we need to be to meet its challenges.

**How is it assessed?**

There are 3 units and almost all assessment is practical. There are no written examinations although you will be required to keep a thorough written record of your practical work and the live theatre review. You will explore themes, ideas and plays in a wholly practical way and your teacher will assess how well you have done. In Unit 3 you will be required to perform in a play or contribute a form of design to a production such as costume, lighting or sound. You will perform the play with a visiting examiner in the audience.

**What do I need?**

Above all, enjoyment and imagination but also the ability to:

- Express yourself in an active and exciting way
- Work collaboratively in a group
- Contribute your ideas and take on board those of others
- Explore ideas by putting yourself in other people’s shoes
- Play many parts in different imaginary situations
- Create your own drama work
- Study plays written by other people

**Notes/Reading List**

A blank journal and plays by Harold Pinter.

For more information, take a look at current GCSE students discussing their work on the DLD website.
What is English?
During the course you will learn how to analyse a wide variety of written and spoken texts, including media texts, literary texts, and the spoken word. You will be taught how to make your own written expression more accurate and more effective in analytical, persuasive and creative writing. English is the stand alone qualification for students who are not studying English Literature.

What will I study?
The focus will be on improving your skills and confidence, developing Year 10 learning, but not necessarily using the same texts. The whole of the qualification will be covered in the year, so the pace is brisk but enjoyable: DLD teachers have a very good record of building improvement and success in a one year course.

Why should I study English?
English is a core subject, which helps you to develop your powers of self-expression and improve your reading and writing. It is a qualification essential for your future school and university studies and for life.

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What do I need?
The willingness to step up from Year 10 studies and, with clear guidance and support, to build a platform of accurate, analytical and expressive writing and speaking skills, invaluable for your future learning.

Reading List

Drama: Shakespeare - Julius Caesar; Romeo and Juliet.
Poetry: The OCR Anthology including poetry by: Wilfred Owen; Simon Armitage; Carol-Ann Duffy; Benjamin Zephaniah.
Prose: Jane Austen - Pride and Prejudice; Thomas Hardy - The Withered Arm and other Wessex Tales; John Steinbeck - Of Mice and Men.

“It has given me lots more confidence in my own writing. It has also made me more confident in my other subjects.”

“You learn skills that you use every day.”

Quotes from DLD students
GCSE English/English Lit

“It makes reading more enjoyable – you learn to look for things in a book that you might not have noticed otherwise.”

“I didn’t like poetry much before starting the course. I can now really enjoy some of it.”

Quotes from DLD students

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What do I need?

This is a demanding but rewarding course. To do well you must be willing to do plenty of reading and thinking outside of the lessons, and generally have a good record of writing successfully about literary texts - novels, poems and plays.

Reading List

Drama

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare
Julius Caeser by William Shakespeare
Journey's End by R. C. Sherriff

Thomas Hardy, Selected Poems (Penguin, ed. Harry Thomas)
Stories of Ourselves, Prose Anthology (Cambridge University Press)

What is IGCSE English and English Literature?

IGCSE English Language and English Literature is an intellectually rigorous course suitable for students who are genuinely interested in exploring literary texts and who have good or very good written skills in English. You should enjoy analysing novels, poems and plays in class and in essays, and already be getting good marks for doing so. The qualification is very highly rated by schools and universities and combines two GCSEs: it is essential for students who want the option of studying English Lit in the Sixth Form. It is very strongly recommended for students who want to study any essay based analytical A level subject, such as English Lang/ Lit, History, Politics, Classical Civilisation or Media Studies.

What is IGCSE English/Lit @ DLD?

The course will cover material for both GCSEs fully in one year. We will help you make the step up from Year 10 work, with new texts and with sufficient contact hours to improve your skills over a wide range of activities. A Speaking and Listening certificate of achievement will also be taken as part of the course.

Why should I study IGCSE English/Lit?

Choose this course if you like studying literature. You will analyse written and spoken texts of all kinds, with an emphasis on literature, but also with the opportunity for creative writing, discussion and debate. You will be encouraged to improve your own powers of self-expression, to see what might lie beneath the seemingly innocent surface of words and to interrogate the way authors, journalists and all of us use language.
FRENCH

“It’s fun and when you go to France you don’t look like a fool.”
“I could ask for directions when I went there and they understood me!”
Quotes from DLD students

Exam Board: Edexcel IGCSE

What is French?
French IGCSE is primarily a chance for students to discover how exciting it can be to learn a new language. The course focuses on language skills with an optional oral exam. The specification is designed to cater for a range of abilities and offers content which the student will feel at home with.

What will I study?
You will study a comprehensive grammar course which will cover the basics (though not absolutely from zero) as well as moving on to more advanced tenses and structures. You will take part in oral discussions and write letters etc on a range of topics from television and celebrity through to your family and life at home.

Why should I study French?
Studying a language is one of the most valuable skills a young person can learn. It helps enormously to build a student’s self-confidence and develops disciplines that can be used in other subjects.

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What do I need?
It is very important that you enjoy languages! It is also important that you have some knowledge of French already - apart from that, bundles of enthusiasm and a willingness to learn verbs and vocabulary will be your most useful tools.

Notes/Reading List
Tricolore 4A!
Geography

“Geography at DLD is brilliant. By studying something you enjoy, you can discover something you are passionate about, so try it!”

Quote from DLD student

What is Geography?
Geography is about understanding the earth and our place within it. It examines how places and countries differ, how natural and human environments interact, and it explores the connections between places, resources, people and development. Geography examines why some places develop, while others remain in a state of instability, why some places are inflicted by catastrophic disasters while others not, and how the physical world can have such a dramatic influence on our daily lives.

What will I study?
- The Restless Earth
- Water on the Land
- Ice on the Land
- Population Change
- Changing Urban Environments
- Tourism
- Field Skills
- Cartographic Skills

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What do I need?
A healthy interest in our planet and the processes which shape the physical and human worlds. A desire to understand the science behind how our planet functions and the complex inter-relationships within it.

A sound ability to read and write as essays are required. Basic mathematical skill as a range of graphing, field and cartographic skills will require some maths.

Notes/Reading List
AQA GCSE Geography A: Student Book
By Ross, Canavan and Rae ISBN 13:978-1408502716
**What is Graphic Communication?**

Graphics is the practical and critical/contextual work in areas including illustration, advertising, packaging design, design for print, communication graphics, computer graphics, multimedia – lens based photography and animation. Graphic design complements Photography and Art and other creative subjects.

**What will I study?**

Students explore computer aided design, digital imagery and illustration. You will learn how to create computer-based designs such as posters, adverts, and CD's using your own digital photographs and drawings. The course will cover how to use digital cameras to create effective imagery, alongside more practical elements such as printing and drawing. Once you have created your own visual material to work from, you will then be shown how to create and manipulate images using Photoshop. You will also learn how to work in response to a design brief and how to create successful design compositions in a variety of graphic formats, using both type and image. As well as the technical aspects you will also explore the different roles of design and how it is used in society today. You will also study the work of other artists and cultures, relating these to your own work.

**Why should I study Graphic Communication?**

Graphic Design is a fantastic creative outlet where your imagination can run wild whilst learning practical skills and visual understanding. Design combines well with other subjects due to its diversity.

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**What do I need?**

An interest in visual images and what they communicate as well as a willingness to learn and develop your skills and ideas. A digital camera (preferably 10 megapixels) would be very useful.

A range of drawing, painting and craft materials would also help you to develop your skills on homework's and in your Graphic Communication lessons.

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*Quotes from DLD students*

“I have always been fascinated by all the visual and graphic images around me. Studying graphics was a brilliant way to explore this kind of art and learn so many exciting and creative skills.”

“The teacher was really supportive and inspired me, they also made it fun. Now I feel much more confident and decisive about going on to study A level Art and Photography”
**History**

“Studying History at DLD has equipped me with many skills that I use in my other subjects. It also has forced me to look at the world in a completely different way. I now understand things much better.”

Quote from DLD student

Examination Board: Edexcel IGCSE
Exam Code: 4HI0

What is History?
The study of the past is fascinating in itself but it also puts the present into appropriate context. Indeed, the present cannot be properly understood without studying the past. The present is the product of processes, the actions of individuals and pure chance. Everything and everyone has a history and as such everything is a source with a story to tell. The trick lies in having the skills to analyse and interpret sources and to write a history based on one’s findings.

“He lives doubly who also enjoys the past” (Martial).

What will I study?
The course covers a broad spectrum of modern history. The themes covered are: International Relations 1918-39; Superpower Relations 1946-1968, Revolutionary Soviet Union, and the changing nature of warfare.

How is it assessed?
The International GCSE is assessed through two 1 hour 30 minute examinations, set and marked by Edexcel. There is no coursework in this subject.

What do I need?
The most important attribute in studying History is a good dose of enthusiasm. It is also important to enjoy writing and reading. The subject requires considerable amounts of both.
What is Maths?
Maths is a core subject and a grade C is often an essential qualification for progression to the next stage of your education. If you want to study Maths at A level you must complete the GCSE at Higher level and aim for at least an A.

You will be taught to solve problems in a systematic way by teachers who are patient and sympathetic and very familiar with the difficulties faced by students.

What will I study?
Some of the major topics are: trigonometry, areas and volumes, simplifying and factorising algebraic expressions, ratios, percentages and statistics.

The above topics will be covered in more depth at the Higher level and the specification will also include many algebraic topics not dealt with at the Foundation level.

Why should I study Maths?
A grade C in GCSE Maths is a minimum requirement for entry to university in any course. In addition, Mathematics today is a diverse discipline that deals with data, measurements and observations from science, inference, deduction, proofs as well as with mathematical models of natural phenomena, human behaviour and social systems: you will certainly come across applications of mathematics at some stage in your future careers.

How is it assessed?
The exam is externally assessed and comprises of 2 written papers one of which is a non-calculator. Each paper lasts for 1.45 hours. The highest grade you can achieve on a Foundation level is a C.

What do I need?
If you have found Maths difficult in the past we can help you approach the subject with confidence. Equally, if you are good at Maths you will be stretched to achieve your best possible result.

We ask however that you be focussed whilst in class - be organised, follow instructions and practise outside class. There is no reason why students who work consistently hard using techniques taught by their teachers cannot do well in the exam.

Notes/Reading List
Edexcel GCSE Maths Higher Text Book by Alan Smith
Edexcel GCSE Maths Higher Student Book (Whole Course) by Keith Pledger
Music

“The course was a really great introduction to music. I thought I knew a lot about it before, but now I am much better able to describe what I hear.”
Quote from DLD student

What is Music?
If you are curious about music and want to create it then GCSE Music is for you. You can perform in a traditional way (e.g. piano or rock guitar) or instead produce music electronically. You will also have the chance to compose and study music from different periods and parts of the world.

What will I study?
Throughout the course you are expected to compose, perform, listen to and then comment on music. This GCSE course will introduce you to a wide range of music. You will perform, compose and listen to styles ranging from pop, to music from around the world and classical music. Only 20% is a written exam.

Why should I study Music?
Music involves many different types of exciting activities such as performing, composing and learning how music from a variety of cultures and times is made. If you are concerned about performing in front of people, don’t worry, you can work in the music studio instead, (e.g. sequencing, recording and mixing).

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What do I need?
You need some performing ability on an instrument of your choice, including voice. Alternatively you can ‘perform’ using technology rather than using traditional instruments, e.g. sequencing a song or multi-track recording. It is useful if you are taking grade examinations in music but not essential.
“Thank you sir! I did so much better than I thought. I can’t believe I did this well in Physics”

Quote from DLD student

### PHYSICS

Exam Board: OCR
Exam Code: 21st Century Science Physics A J245

**What is Physics?**
The world we live in has been completely transformed by the scientific developments of the last 200 years. In GCSE Physics you will learn about some of the most important discoveries and gain an understanding of how some of the advances were made and verified.

**What will I study?**
The GCSE course covers many interesting and fundamentally important areas of Physics, including forces and motion, electricity, waves, space and astronomy, sustainable energy, radioactive decay and radiation. Along with these ideas it is also important to understand how the scientific process works.

**Why should I study Physics?**
Physics helps you to understand how the world works, from everyday things like microwave ovens and mobile phones, to the birth and death of stars and what happens inside atoms. It trains you to think logically and solve problems. It is great preparation for many careers including engineering, architecture, law, science and medicine.

**How is it assessed?**
There will be 3 exams and a controlled assessment task. For the controlled assessment you will plan and carry out a practical investigation, then write a written report in controlled conditions in class. The investigation title is set by OCR.

**How is it assessed?**

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**What do I need?**
Physics requires an enquiring mind, a desire to see how things work and to uncover the basic rules that govern the universe. You should be a person who never accepts blindly what you are told but always looks for the evidence which backs it up. It helps if you can think logically and if you are good with maths.

**Notes/Reading List**
**Textbook**
“OCR 21st Century Science GCSE Physics”
Publisher: Oxford University Press

**Revision guide**
“GCSE Physics OCR 21st Century Revision Guide”
Publisher: CGP
ISBN: 978 1 84762 636 3

**Workbook**
“GCSE Physics OCR 21st Century Workbook”
Publisher: CGP
ISBN: 978 1 84762 637 0
Religious Studies

“It has been fascinating to learn about different religious views of the world”

“RS combines really well with the other GCSEs that I’m taking.”

Quotes from DLD students

Examination Board: Edexcel: 2481

Why Study Religious Studies?

Religious beliefs and practices continue to play an essential part in today’s world. A clear understanding of them can help us to better comprehend the world around us, its possible futures as much as its past. Religious Studies involves discussion, debate and critical thinking on major issues such as the existence of God, medical ethics and the relationship between different religions. It naturally complements subjects such as English, History and Art and is an increasingly popular option at GCSE nationwide.

Students of Religious Studies may or may not be religious themselves, though they will wish to understand the beliefs of others and be willing to examine and develop their own assumptions and convictions. Teaching relates topics, where appropriate, to the context of contemporary society and typically involves class discussion, debate and study through videos, set texts and research.

What You Will Study

The Edexcel GCSE course consists of two units, each of which is assessed by an exam of 90 minutes:

1. Christianity and Society
   (a) Morality and Human Rights
   (b) The Environment
   (c) Medical Ethics
   (d) War and Peace
   (e) Crime and Punishment

2. Islam
   (a) Key Beliefs
   (b) The Five Pillars
   (c) The Shariah
   (d) The Mosque
## Year 11 Options

One subject to be studied from each block.

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PSHE 1 period
Tutor Period 1 period
Sport 3 periods
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