

Overview

Religious Studies at KHS will help deepen your knowledge and understanding of the Bible while also giving you the opportunity to reflect on your own personal beliefs and values in light of some of the most controversial ethical issues. GCSE Religious Studies enables you to develop an interest in and enthusiasm for the Bible, and relate what it says to the wider world. You will be encouraged to look at the Bible and ask the question, "Is this relevant to me?" and "How are we to understand this book in the 21st Century?" In doing so, you will not only gain a greater understanding of yourself and what you believe, but also how the message of Christianity crosses cultural divides and is relevant locally in Kilkeel and Mourne, nationally in Ireland and internationally all around the world.

In KHS, there are 2 options when it comes to choosing RS. You can choose to take the Full Course option, which will give you a full GCSE after two years of study. Alternatively, if you do not choose Full Course, you still have to study RE but you will be entered for a Short Course. As the name suggests, Full Course gives you a full GCSE and Short Course is a shorter version of the Full GCSE, therefore, it is only considered half of a GCSE.

- Those who choose Full Course will follow CCEA's Specification and study 2 Units over 2 years
- Short Course will follow CCEA's Specification and study 1 unit (Christian Ethics) unit over two years.

Unit	Full Course Content	Assessment
1: The Gospel of Matthew	You will consider the ministry, work and life of Jesus and His relevance today through a Study of the Gospel of Matthew	End of Year 11 50% of Final Mark 1 and 1/2 Hour Exam
2: Christian Ethics	You will explore REAL LIFE issues such as abortion, euthanasia, human sexuality, marriage and divorce, war and peace, capital punishment, medical ethics and many others	End of Year 12 50% of Final Mark 1 and 1/2 Hour Exam

Unit	Short Course Content	Assessment
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Careers

Law, Solicitor, Social Work, Medicine, Journalism & Broadcasting, Counsellor, Publishing, Radio, Television, Film, Ministry, Education, Health and Welfare Ministries, Missionary, Social Services, Minister/Pastor/Priest, Youth Work, Church Work, Business or Marketing, Psychology, Chaplaincy, Foreign service (i.e., diplomatic corps), Health Care (e.g., chaplaincy), Police Service, Fire Service, Paramedic, Politics, Historian, Event Planning, Writer, Charity Work, Hospitality, the Service Industry, Museums and the Arts