

The Religious Studies Department at Oakwood Park Grammar School

Ideal Candidates

RS at OPGS is a well-respected and popular subject in the school. The department consists of two full time teachers.

The RS department has previously been awarded the Gold RE Quality Mark. Students are engaged, enthusiastic, and inquisitive and enjoy debating current issues and controversial topics.

Key Stage 5

Year 13 - Cambridge Pre-U Philosophy and Theology (9774)

We currently teach the Cambridge Pre-U in Philosophy and Theology, although 2019-20 will be the final year of this course at OPGS. The topics studied within this are Philosophy of Religion and Ethics. The new teacher would be required to teach the Philosophy & Ethics course in year 13.

Year 12 – OCR Religious Studies

From September 2019, year 12 students will be starting the OCR A-level course in Religious Studies. The topics studied within the new A-level will be Philosophy of Religion, Ethics and Buddhism. The new teacher would be required to teach the Philosophy of Religion unit and share the teaching of the Buddhism unit.

Key Stage 4

All students in years 10 and 11 follow the Edexcel Full Course GCSE in Religious Studies B. Each year group has three hours per fortnight of RS at KS4. Students study Paper 1: Religion and Ethics from a Christian perspective and Paper 2: Religion, Peace and Conflict from a Muslim perspective.

Results at GCSE are consistently high. In 2018 students received 48% grade 9-7 and 81% grade 9-5.

Key Stage 3

KS3 Religious Education at OPGS follows the New Kent Agreed Syllabus, and all students have two hours of teaching per fortnight. Key questions that are explored include: *Is religion good or bad for society? Is happiness the purpose of life? Is death the end, does it matter? What was so radical about Jesus?*