



A MOORLANDS LEARNING TRUST ACADEMY

# Religious Studies

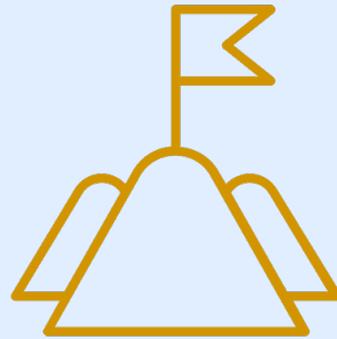
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# Creating the Vision

Creating a climate for great learning, success and opportunity

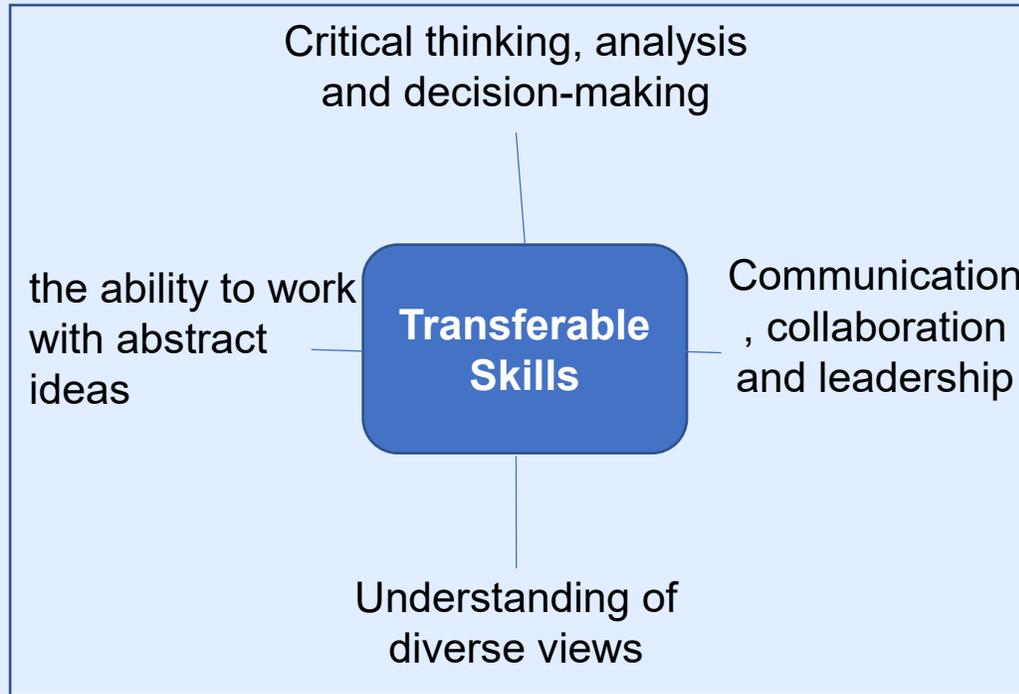


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# Why choose GCSE Religious Studies?

An engaging, relevant and varied curriculum with a history of fantastic results!



The questioning approach of philosophy nurtures skills which are prized by many employers, including clarity of thought and communication skills.

*The Guardian*

# AQA: Paper 1: Religious beliefs, teachings and practices

1 hour 45 minutes

## Buddhism

### The life of the Buddha:

- from luxury to enlightenment

### Buddhist teachings:

- Why do we suffer?
- Human destiny



### Worship and festivals, including:

- Temples and shrines
- Meditation

### Buddhist ethics, including:

- Karma
- The five moral precepts

*'The five moral precepts are impossible to live by in the modern world'*

## Christianity

### Key beliefs:

- the nature of God
- the afterlife
- the life and death of **Jesus**



### Worship and festivals, including:

- Baptism
- Pilgrimage

### The **role of the church**, including:

- Responses to persecution
- Charity work

*'The existence of evil and suffering proves that God does not exist.'*

# AQA: Paper 2: Thematic Studies

1 hour 45 minutes



## Religion and Life, including:

- abortion
- euthanasia
- animals rights

*'Religious believers should oppose euthanasia.'*



## Religion, peace and conflict, including:

- Violence
- Terrorism
- 21<sup>st</sup> century conflict

*'War can never be justified.'*



## Religion, crime and punishment, including:

- Causes of crime
- Treatment of criminals
- Capital punishment

*'No one should agree with the death penalty.'*



## Relationships and families, including:

- Role, nature and purpose of families
- Divorce and remarriage
- Gender equality

*'Women should be given the same job opportunities as men.'*



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# Religious Studies: a popular gateway to university and jobs

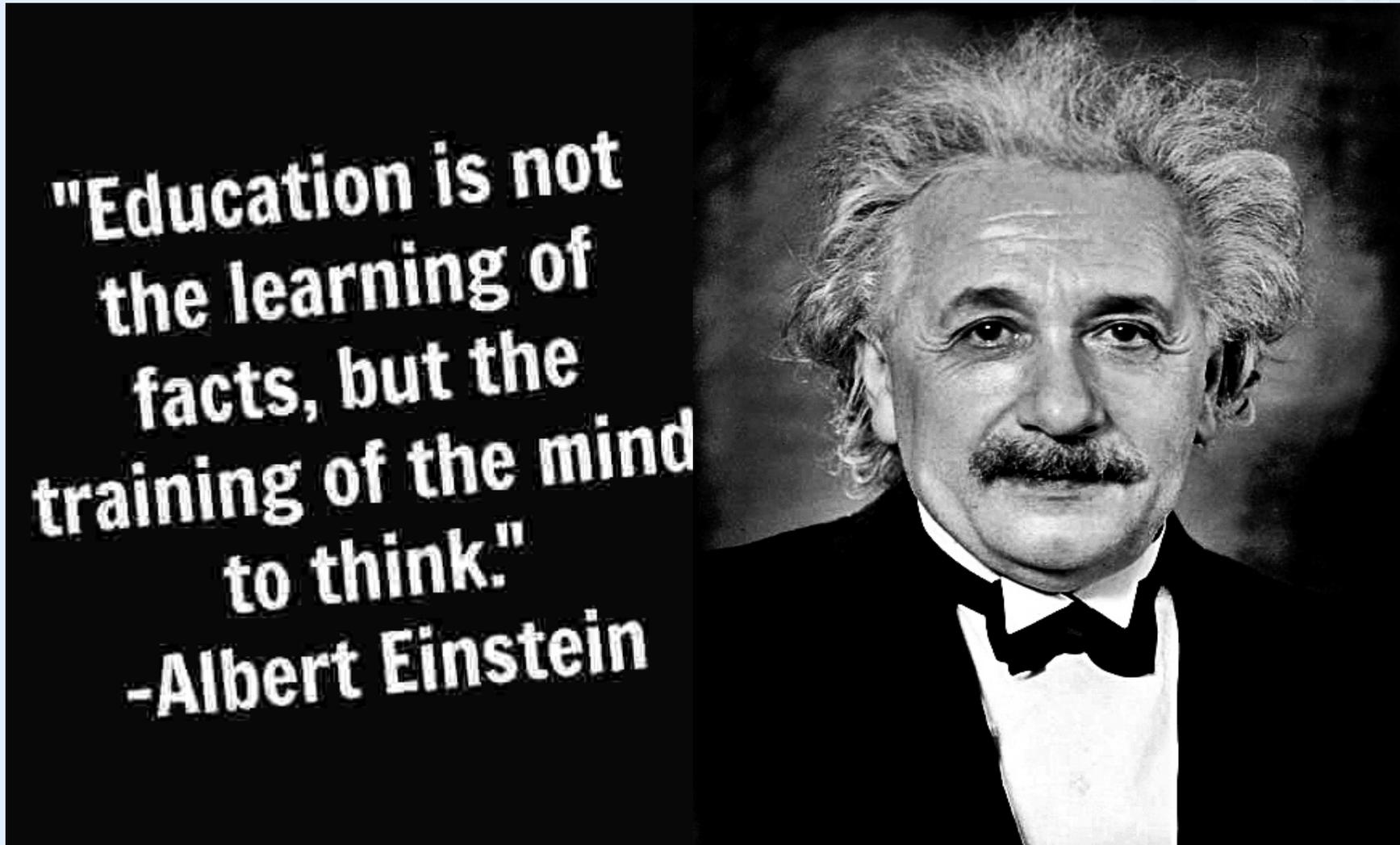


**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (RS)** remains the **fastest-growing** A Level exam subject among the arts, humanities, and social sciences in the UK, and the second fastest after Further Maths.

A Level students received their examination results on Thursday. **More than 23,800 chose to sit RS exams this summer** — down four per cent on last year, but still more than double the number taking the exam since 2003 (11,132 students).



Pointing to data from the Higher Education Career Services Unit, which suggests that 25 per cent of university graduates in 2015 **went on to work in the legal, social, or welfare sectors**, **NATRE and REC** state that **career prospects are “very bright” for those studying RS or theology at degree level.**



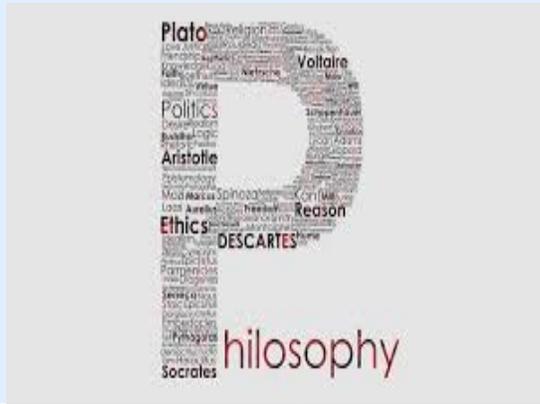


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