

GCSE - BVT

Religious,
Philosophical and
Ethical Studies

Why study BVT?

**Beliefs, Values and
Traditions**

Are you interested in
any of the following
questions?



When does human life begin?

Should animals be used in medical research?



Animals & the environment

Should Britain bring back Capital Punishment?



Crime & punishment

Is it ever right to go to war?





**Is the environment ours to do with
what we want?**



Should people of faith be able to express their faith in what they wear?



How should the poor be treated?

What happens when we die?



Is there a God?





Where does evil come from?

How can a Christian believe in a loving God when there is so much suffering in the World?



**Is there a meaning to life ...
the world ... the universe?**



How is the GCSE
course
organised?

Paper 1



Christianity – Beliefs,
teachings and practices

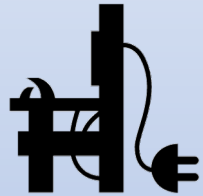


Islam – Beliefs, teachings
and practices

Paper 2



Religion & Life



Religion: Crime & Punishment



Religion: Human rights & social injustice



Relationships & families

What skills will you develop?

The lessons:

- Listening
- Being open minded
- Weighing up arguments
- Expressing ideas
- Considering views you haven't thought about before

The exam:

- ✓ 1 mark - knowledge
- ✓ 2 marks
- ✓ 4 marks - understanding
- ✓ 5 marks
- ✓ 12 marks - evaluation

Visiting speakers

Local magistrates



Salvation Army soldiers

Career prospects

The Media: “BVT should be the most exciting lesson of the week. This is the meaning of life.”

Simon Mayo – author & DJ on BBC Radio 2

Journalism: “In this profession you have to meet people from all walks of life and a huge range of cultural backgrounds. Studying BVT helps you see the world from many different viewpoints. BVT is a way of broadening your understanding of the world and people.”

Liz Parsons - journalist

Police: “If someone comes to us we look with great interest at any courses like BVT – which shows that the candidate has some understanding of the beliefs and values of other people.”

Recruitment officer, Metropolitan Police

The course also prepares students to work and deal with people of different cultures and beliefs, which can be useful for careers such as the **police, teaching, nursing, social work, journalism, media and the armed forces.**

Content

Central to BVT lessons is the exploration of life's really important questions, giving students a platform to discuss and reflect upon such moral, philosophical and spiritual questions as:

- Does money make us happy?
- What happens when I die?
- How should serial murderers be punished?
- If God exists, why is there suffering in the world?

We will also be discussing issues and attitudes to do with:

- Relationships and families
- Religion and life
- Religion, crime and punishment
- Religion, human rights and social justice
- The study of Christianity and Islam

Assessment

The course is assessed by two written exams at the end of Year 11 (no coursework). Each exam accounts for 50% of the total GCSE mark.

Progression

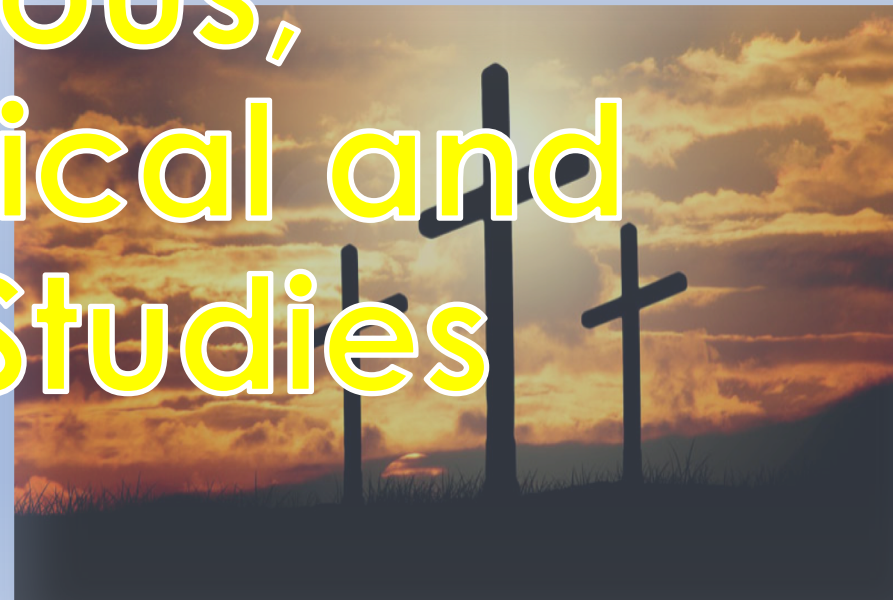
Many of the topics under discussion in this course are chosen by GCSE candidates in their English oral exams and many students go on to study Philosophy, Philosophy & Ethics or Philosophy of Religion at A-Level and beyond.

Course Title: [Religious Studies A \(8062\)](#)

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