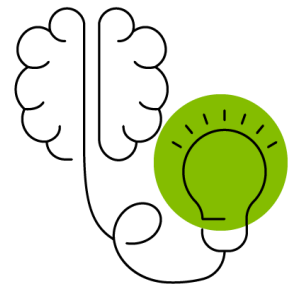
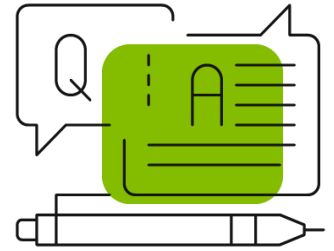




Pearson Edexcel GCSE Religious Studies

Why study GCSE Religious Studies?

- *You learn to ask questions about the nature of reality and the place of religion within our world*
- *You develop skills in explanation, critical analysis, evaluation and debate*
- *You understand the world around you and the diverse views of a range of different people*
- *You develop your writing ability, learning to present your thoughts clearly and write coherent arguments, which are grounded in reason.*
- *You reflect on and develop your own views about a range of religious, spiritual, ethical and philosophical issues.*



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Social care
Lawyer
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Social worker
Journalist
TV presenter
Political consultant

Teacher
Historian
Charity worker
Author
Lobbyist
Museum Curator
Human Rights advocate
Diplomat
Youth Worker

Lecturer
Marketing
Publisher
Communications
Policy advisor
Global purchasing manager
...and many more...

Buddhism

'Beliefs'



Join the discussion...

- Who was the Buddha?
- What does Buddhism teach about how to escape suffering?
- What is kamma?

Buddhism

'Living the Buddhist Life'



Join the discussion...

- **What is the purpose of meditation within Buddhism?**
- **How do Buddhists mourn the dead differently around the world?**
- **What does worship mean within Buddhism?**

Buddhism

'Marriage and the Family'



Join the discussion...

- What does Buddhism teach about sexual relationships?
- Why might Buddhist views about divorce differ?
- How can Buddhist teachings be applied to issues around gender equality?

Buddhism

'Matters of Life and Death'



Join the discussion...

- How did the universe begin?
- Why do divergent views exist on the topic of euthanasia?
- Is there life after death?

Buddhism

'Crime and Punishment'



Join the discussion...

- What does Buddhism teach about responding to crime?
- Is forgiveness of criminals possible?
- What are the different attitudes towards the death penalty?

Buddhism 'Peace and Conflict'



Join the discussion...

- How can Buddhists work towards peace?
- Under what conditions might someone justify the act of war?
- How might a country condone the ownership of weapons of mass destruction?

Buddhism

'Philosophy of Religion'



Join the discussion...

- What did the Buddha teach about the lack of need for God?
- What does it mean to become 'enlightened'?
- Can miracles be scientifically explained?

Buddhism 'Equality'



Join the discussion...

- How can Buddhists work towards equality in the world?
- Is it ever right to be rich while others live in poverty?
- How can Buddhists tackle discrimination?