

Religious Education and Careers

Studying RE at GCSE and A Level can provide invaluable life skills, offer opportunities to further education and enhance careers. Knowledge of other cultures and world religious beliefs can be useful in many jobs where you are working with the public or communities. These include counselling and social services, marketing, sales and advertising, catering and hospitality, leisure, sport and tourism, retail sales and customer services, education and training, medicine and nursing, and service sector roles.

Examples of Curriculum Links to Futures

	Curriculum Theme/Topic	How Do You Link This Theme/Topic to Careers?	What Careers Related Extra-Curricular Opportunities Are Offered?	What Employer/Employee Encounters Are Offered?
Year 7	1. Community	Roles in the community How can RE help someone who is a...? reonline posters displayed throughout the RE department reonline youtube video clips shown		Fr Mario visits RE classes
	2. Creation & Pentecost	Who inspires us? Examples of role models Who inspires us? Examples of role models How do this person's words and actions link to their faith, beliefs, morals?		
	3.			Local Priests/Priest Chaplain
Year 8	1. Judaism	Judaism Role of the scribe, rabbi, Jewish mother, kosher butcher, shochet	Each Y8 RE class takes part in a presentation which is followed by a Q & A session with an Orthodox Jew	Judaism with Jeremy

			Year 8 Castlerigg Retreat	
	2. Jesus	Various aspects of the role of Jesus e.g. the Teacher		RE Teacher Local Priests/Priest Chaplain
	3.	Judaism	Year 8 Castlerigg Retreat	Castlerigg Team
Year 9	1. Christian Service & Responsibility	Gifts & Talents Roles & Responsibilities		
	2. Vocation	Personal Vocation Priesthood		Local Priests/Priest Chaplain
	3. Marriage & Family Life	Family Life Parenthood		
Year 10	1.		Year 10 Castlerigg Retreat	Castlerigg Team
	2. Origins & Meaning	The work of CAFOD	Y10 Enrichment Day workshop CAFOD presentation	John Garlington CAFOD Gap Year Volunteer – Sharon Weerasuriya
	3.			Local Priests/Priest Chaplain
Year 11	1. Life & Death	The Magisterium of the Catholic Church		
	2. Sin & Forgiveness	Sacrament of Marriage Sacrament of Holy Orders		Local Priests/Priest Chaplain

Applied and job-related learning

There is a range of vocational qualifications (such as BTECs, NVQ/SVQs and diplomas) linked to Religious Education, including: travel and tourism, health and social care, childcare, uniformed public services, legal studies.

Apprenticeships

There are some apprenticeships associated with Religious Education such as:

arts, media and publishing, e.g. exhibition guide, visitor services support

leisure, travel and tourism, e.g. tourist guide, travel adviser

health, public services and care, e.g. community support worker

education and training, e.g. learning support assistant

Academic subjects – such as A levels

You can study Religious Studies.

Related subjects include health and social care, geography, law, history, classical civilisation, sociology, philosophy, psychology, government and politics, communication and culture.

Careers using Religious Studies

Aid worker

Aid workers provide support, food, resources, and infrastructure to people in need.

Air cabin crew

Air cabin crew look after and keep airplane passengers safe.

Construction project manager

Construction project managers deal with the day-to-day running of a construction project.

General practitioner

General practitioners (GPs) are doctors who provide medical services to people in their practice.

Hospital doctor

A hospital doctor diagnoses and treats illness and disease in patients admitted to hospital.

Human resources manager

Human resources managers deal with recruitment, training and retention of staff.

Hypnotherapist

Hypnotherapists use hypnotism to help clients achieve positive changes in their lives.

Learning disability nurse

Learning disability nurses help people with a learning disability live as independently as possible

Librarian

Librarians are responsible for the day-to-day running of library services.

Museum curator

Museum curators look after and manage exhibitions.

Newspaper journalist

Newspaper journalists research and report the news, publishing their work in newspapers and online.

Nursery worker

Nursery workers look after small children.

Occupational therapist

Occupational therapists help people overcome mental or physical illness or accidents.

Police officer

Police officers investigate and prevent crime.

Primary school teacher

Primary school teachers teach children from the ages of four to 11

Religious leader

Religious leaders offer support to followers of their religion through spiritual and moral guidance.

Secondary school teacher

Secondary school teachers teach children from the ages of 11 to 18.

Wedding planner

Wedding planners help organise weddings.

Youth and community worker

Youth and community workers provide support for young people.