

KEY STAGE FOUR SUBJECT INFORMATION

Subject Title:	Life Studies and Religious Education (Compulsory Core)
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Course Description

Life Studies encompasses aspects of PSHE, and aims to help students develop a greater understanding of their identity and opinions, and how they fit into the world around them. The subject covers topics such as money, careers, drug and alcohol education, democracy, the legal system, and relationships and sex education (RSE). Life Studies is predominantly focused on discussion, and is not examined.

Participation and work completed within lessons contributes towards a Perins Life Studies certificate at the end of Year 11; Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates are awarded to pupils based on their achievement throughout Years 9, 10 and 11.

Society and Beliefs (RE) This is different to GCSE RE it is a course designed to meet the government's requirement to provide continued religious education throughout students' education. Students have one lesson per fortnight from Y9 – Y11 and will receive a certificate on completion highlighting the key transferable skills they have developed. There is no homework or exam. Students are assessed by teachers on their contributions to discussion, completion of class tasks and attitude to learning. They cover four units each year, looking at philosophical and ethical issues relevant to life in the 21st century. These include interfaith dialogue, Humanism and religious attitudes to relationships, conflict and work.

