

GCSE NEW TO TEACHING GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

CODE 7859

ABOUT THIS COURSE

Join experienced RS examiner, Head of Department and speaker Rachel, as she demonstrates how new teachers can quickly teach excellent GCSE RS. The aim of this course is to help and support teachers new to teaching GCSE RS to maximise the potential and success of students at GCSE. It will look at the specifications, consider how best to plan the course and provide strategies and activities to motivate and challenge students of all abilities.

PROGRAMME

Context and Planning: making a great start

TIME

10.00 – 11.15am

- Challenges for GCSE RS teaching:
- Optional or compulsory?
- Curriculum time
- Student engagement
- What can the subject do for the students?
- Specifications – what to teach and when
- Curriculum planning (short and long term)

Discussion: coffee break

11.15 – 11.30am

Teaching the Exam Question skills

11.30 – 12.45pm

- What do exam questions want the students to do? Accessing and interpreting A01 and A02 demands
- How to answer the questions
- Strategies to answer the questions successfully
- Question answering and essay planning activities
- Integrating exam skills without teaching to the test

Lunch and informal discussion

12.45 – 1.45pm

Stretch and Challenge in GCSE RS

1.45 – 2.45pm

- How to get the best out of your students
- Motivational and engaging strategies to get students hooked and interested to learn about RS
- Where and why the less able/engaged struggle and how to deal with this
- Activities to stretch the high-level learners

Discussion: afternoon tea

2.45 – 3.00pm

Resources and Next Steps

3.00 – 3.45pm

- Resources available (where to find support / guidance / relevant materials)
- Exam board support
- How to plan for successful delivery – where to be at key points in the two years
- What will I do now?

LOCATION/DATE

London

Monday 11 November 2019

Monday 30 March 2020

COURSE LEADER

Rachel Long has been teaching Religious Studies across all key stages for 20 years and a Head of Department for 14 years in a very successful school in Cheshire. She has many years' experience in examination marking for two exam boards and is currently an assistant principal examiner and team leader for GCSE and A Level and is an experienced national presenter.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- All teachers (including non-specialists) of GCSE Religious Studies
- Heads of Department
- NQTs new to teaching GCSE Religious Studies

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Develop a clear understanding of GCSE examination requirements
- Be able to plan a successful GCSE course for your school
- Gain strategies to stretch, challenge and motivate students of all abilities
- Take away ideas for lesson planning and resources to implement in your school the next day