



Moorside  
High School  
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Dear Parent/Carer

Miss Hanif, our Religious Education Coordinator, will be returning to work in October following her Maternity Leave. Looking at the options for the curriculum, we would like to offer our current Year 9 students the option of studying for a GCSE in Religious Studies in KS4 from September. When the options offer was put together, this was not offered as we were unsure if we would have the capacity to staff it. However, with the return of Miss Hanif, this will be possible which is fantastic news for those students who have expressed an interest in the subject.

The GCSE Religious Studies course covers a range of the major world religions, six contemporary ethical themes and two textual studies, ensuring the students have a diverse choice of intriguing subjects to explore.

Students will be challenged with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose, and truth, enabling them to develop their own attitudes towards religious issues.

Students will also gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture. They will develop analytical and critical thinking skills, the ability to work with abstract ideas, leadership and research skills. All these skills will help prepare them for further study.

I have spoken to all the Year 9 students during R time to inform them of the possibility of studying GCSE Religious Studies. Following discussion with you, if your child would like to change one of their option choices to Religious Studies, I will be giving them the opportunity to do so next week.

We will need a decision by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 so that work can commence on finalising our Option Blocks and groups for next year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com) if you would like to discuss this further.

Kind Regards

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