

Religious studies and Philosophy

How were calculated grades and ranking decided:

Several factors and evidence were taken into account:

- Gradebook marks: both on dashboard and on the Q drive. Students were given a range of assessments, both timed and for homework. Most of the assessment took the shape of exam questions.
- Mock results, particularly the January 2020 mock exam: exams in both Philosophy and RS were a replication of time and type of questions students would get in the official examinations.
- Student involvement and commitment to the lessons: ability to focus in class, responsiveness to teacher's instruction, focus, involvement in class and group discussions.
- Attendance.

Ranking was determined on the basis of all the factors above and were the outcome of careful discussion between the head of department (Ms Tweed) and their current teacher (Mr Smith) for religious studies and between both teachers for Philosophy.

The department is and has always been committed to treating students equally and fairly. Calculated grades were determined on the basis of students' academic ability and on an honest and unbiased reflection, on the part of teachers, of what students would most likely achieve.