



Religious Studies GCSE (Judaism) Course Overview

Our courses are taught over six terms (September to May) across two academic years; so your child will begin their studies in September 2026 and sit exams in May 2028.

Sessions are held during term time in person weekly between September to May, with some additional workshops and online tutorials to support our study of the course. Course times and locations are:

- Tuesdays at HGSS (Norrice Lea), 5:30-6:30
- Wednesdays at Highgate, 6:15-7:15
- Thursdays at Bushey/Radlett, 5:50-6:50

Lessons are taught in an informal and inspiring way, enabling students to :

- Learn about their religious Heritage
- Experience taking a 'real' GCSE early
- Gain essential tools for study, revision and examination sittings
- Make and maintain friendships with like-minded Jewish peers

The cost for this course is £399 per term, for six terms. You can register online at <https://www.jameshoward.education/courses/judaismgcse/> and requires a deposit of £299 to secure your child's place on the course, which will be deducted from the final term's fees. This deposit is fully refundable upon request, should you decide to withdraw from the course before courses start on Monday 14th September 2025.

There is no coursework requirement for either specification. There are two exams, each of one hour and forty-five minutes' duration, both to be held in May 2028.

Class size is capped at 20 pupils, with a minimum of nine, and places are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. This is to ensure appropriate attention and dedicated contact time for each pupil, as well as supporting our class dynamic, viability, and of course our fun, social vibe.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis, and if you wish to register as a group, this can be arranged so that we can hold a booking for your select group.

The courses will also require your child to purchase two text books. These can be purchased online at:

[Judaism AQA GCSE Text Book](#)

[Islam AQA GCSE Text Book](#)

To sit the exams, you will need to register your child (In December 2027) at their school, or if you prefer, we can facilitate this for you at London Brookes College. The cost of exam entry in 2025 was £250 and your fee will be directly payable to the examinations centre.

A new government initiative has introduced a requirement for RS GCSE to include a minimum of two religions (in an effort to combat extremism in faith schools). We have followed the Chief Rabbi's guidelines for teaching Islam as the second religion of choice, and are working closely with Jewish state schools and PAJES to provide this effectively.

We have designed a unique program of study that utilises this as a comparative study, so that our pupils benefit from the academic endeavour of learning about other cultures, without compromising on the 'Jewish studies' objectives of the course.

The classes are taught in an informal, enjoyable environment with open dialogue and debate. Participation in all aspects of the course is crucial, as will be the completion of regular, weekly written homework assignments.

To register your child, please visit

<https://www.jameshoward.education/courses/judaismgcse/>