

## A level Religious Studies is a good preparation for a range of degrees

In previous years, NATRE has reported on the popularity of A level Religious Studies with Universities, including the Russell Group. It is clear that students are combining the study of RS with range of other A levels which is enabling them to be successful in applying for a wide range of degrees. This is not limited to the Humanities as can be seen in Ofqual's "[Top three-subject combinations](#)". It was good to observe that **in joint second place** in terms of popularity, was a combination of two sciences and RS.

Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Number of students	% of all students
1. Religious studies	English literature	History	790	0.30%
2. Religious studies	Psychology	Sociology	515	0.20%
3. Religious studies	Biology	Chemistry	500	0.20%
4. Religious studies	English literature	Psychology	490	0.20%
5. Religious studies	English literature	Sociology	405	0.10%
6. Religious studies	History	Political studies	395	0.10%
7. Religious studies	History	Sociology	320	0.10%
8. Religious studies	Biology	Psychology	310	0.10%

Looking at the Russell Group "[Informed Choices](#)" website, it is clear that these Universities also recognise the value of this combination. When RS with Biology and Chemistry are selected, the following suggestions appear in the choice of degrees for which they are seen as suitable preparation. **Hopefully, this information will encourage more schools guiding choices at Key Stage five to support students who see their future in medicine or other scientific studies, to study RS at A level as well as those who wish to study Humanities.**

**Your selection: Biology, Chemistry, Religious Studies**

**Based on one or more of the subjects you've chosen, these degrees may be open to you**

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences ←
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Childhood Studies
- Dentistry
- Education / Education Studies
- Environmental Science / Studies
- Food and nutrition studies/science
- Geography
- Geology/Earth Sciences ←
- Medicine ←
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Orthoptics
- Pharmacology
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Religious studies / Theology ←
- Speech Therapy
- Sports Science / Physical Education
- Veterinary Science ←