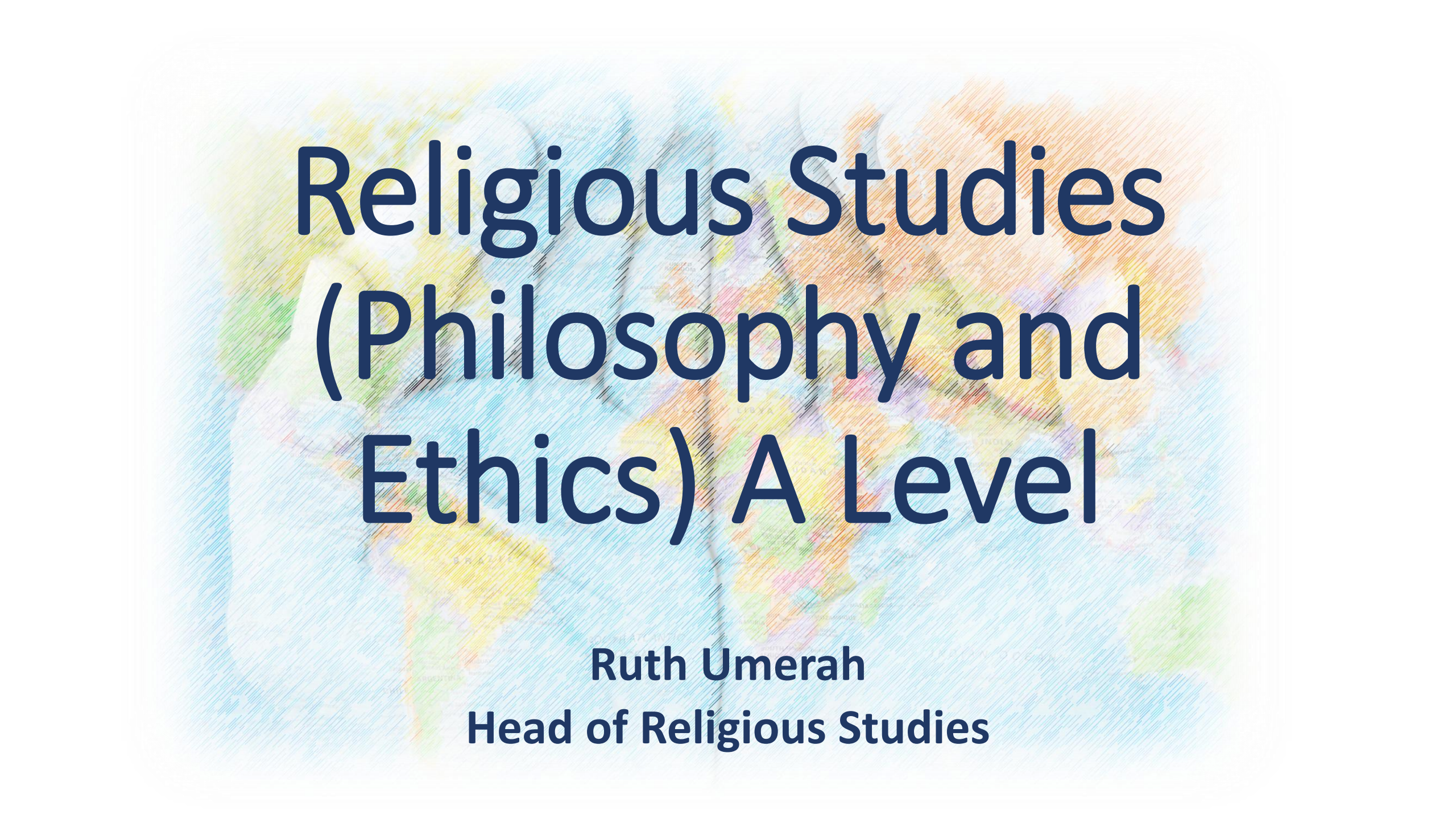




Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics) A Level

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What is religious studies?

- It is a study of religious beliefs and teachings, as well as philosophy of religion and ethics
- It encourages learners to develop their interest in a rigorous study of religion and belief and relate it to the wider world
- It also develops an understanding and appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies
- It helps students to adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to their studies, in general
- Students learn to reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study

What religious studies isn't...

- An opportunity for the teachers to influence students' own beliefs and values
- A subject that requires the student to hold a religious belief, or not
- Only relevant for students wishing to study RS in higher education

What the curriculum covers

Philosophy of Religion

Philosophical language and thought; The existence of God; God and the World; Theological and Philosophical developments; Religious language

Religion and Ethics

Normative ethical theories; Applied ethics; Ethical language; Significant ideas; Developments in ethical thought

Development in Religious Thought – Buddhism

The origins of Buddhism; Beliefs, teachings and ideas; Living; Development; Society; Challenges

How the curriculum is delivered

Philosophy and Buddhism – Mrs. Umerah – 6 hours per fortnight

Ethics – Miss Dale – 4 hours per fortnight

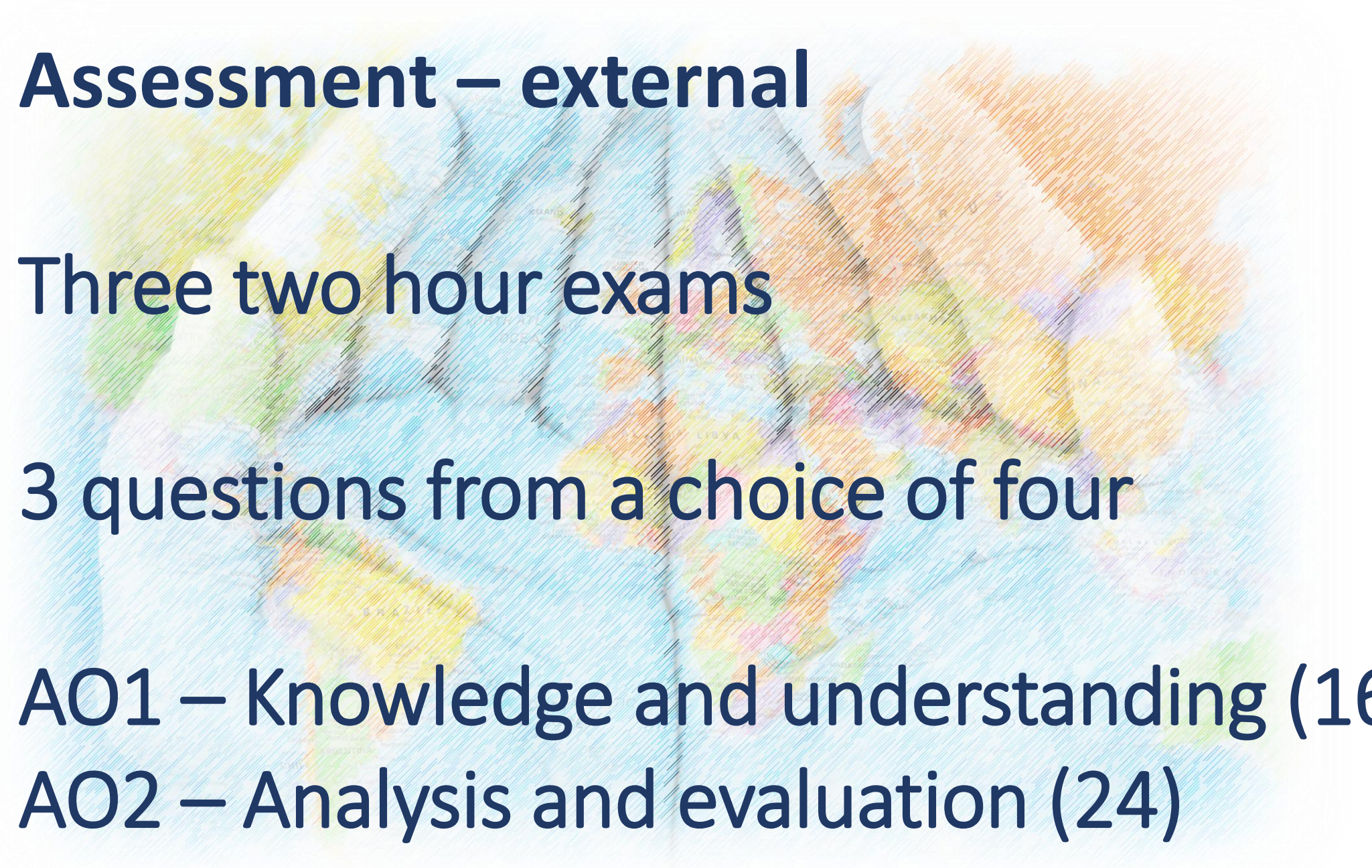
Scheme of work – both philosophy and Buddhism taught in both years. About 2 weeks at a time on each. Retrieval is easier if it is taught in small blocks.

Assessment - internal

Two essays per half term

End of year exam – Year 12

Mock exam – Year 13



Assessment – external

Three two hour exams

3 questions from a choice of four

A01 – Knowledge and understanding (16)

A02 – Analysis and evaluation (24)

What sort of student enjoys religious studies?

Someone who :-

Is **INTERESTED** in the world around them

QUESTIONS why things are the way they are

Is **OPEN** to different ideas and enjoys debating them

Enjoys essay writing which is a key component – but we can work on this together

What are the benefits of taking religious studies at A level?

- Develops critical thinking skills which support all other subjects
- Helps students to understand people from a wider range of cultures – useful for travel, in the workplace and for a general all-round education
- Philosophy modules taught on many degree courses – A level RS (PE) is a great foundation
- Universities love it... especially Oxbridge

What are the benefits of taking religious studies at A level at Alleyne's?

- Small class size
- Two teachers
- Teachers who know them
- Form tutors
- Head of Sixth Form – individual attention for pastoral support and UCAS
- Great track record of results

Results...

2022 – A*, A, B, B, C

2023 – A, B, B, B, B, C, C

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