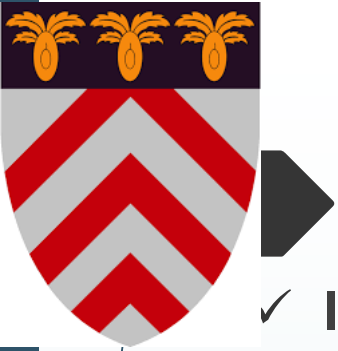




Core Religious and Personal Studies



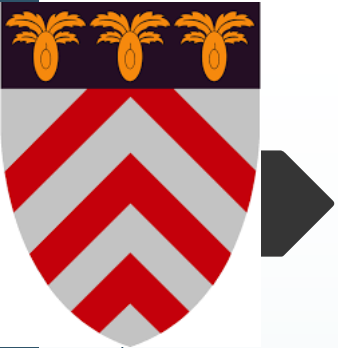
- ✓ At the Highfield school, KS4 students study core RPS for one hour per fortnight.
- ✓ In Year 10, the students study three themes around philosophy and ethics: what is extremism, an introduction to philosophy and wealth and poverty.
- ✓ In Year 11, the students study two PSHE themes: careers and life skills, and sex and relationships education.
- ✓ This is a non-examined course, and provides an opportunity to learn about themes and skills that are relevant outside of the classroom.



Frequently asked questions:

- ✓ **Is this a GCSE subject?**
- ✓ No, but every student in Years 10/11 participate.
- ✓ **If there is no qualification available, why does my child have to take this subject?**
- ✓ Every secondary school has a legal obligation to deliver RE, and many make their students sit the GCSE. We believe this course provides the opportunity to learn key skills that are useful in life.
- ✓ **How is core RPS different to GCSE Philosophy and Ethics?**
- ✓ Core RPS is not a formal qualification like a GCSE subject. Whilst the content in core RPS is useful, it is not the same course that is delivered in the GCSE option.





Student feedback:

I've enjoyed being introduced to philosophy, it's really interesting...

It's nice to learn about the world of work, and small things like how to interpret a payslip...

It's helped me to make decisions about college, sixth form or an apprenticeship...

Learning about sexual health is really important...

It's been a good lesson to ask lots of questions about real life problems...