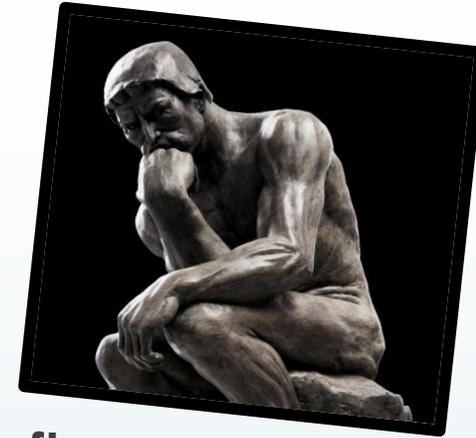
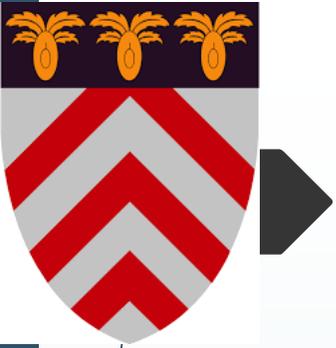


GCSE Philosophy and ethics (Religious studies)

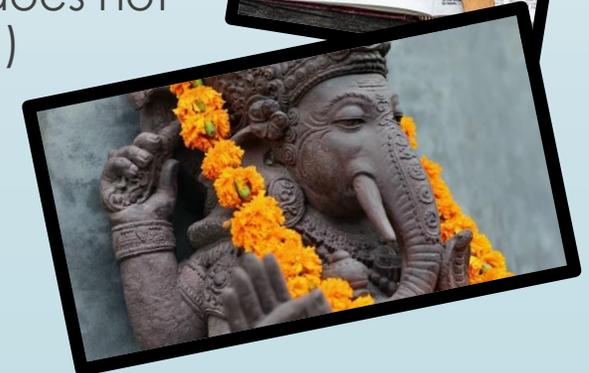
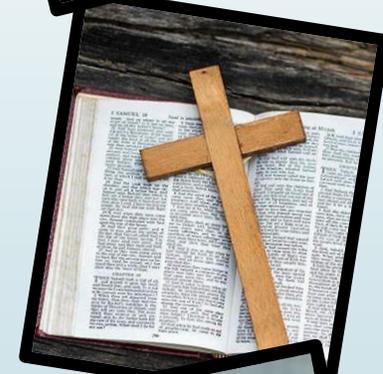


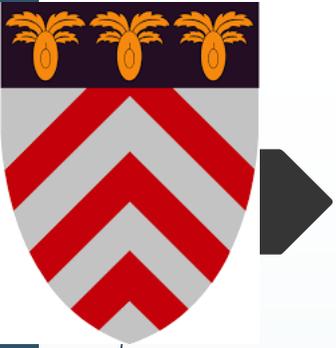
- ✓ Do you like to debate?
- ✓ Do you like to ask big questions, such as is there a God? Is there life after death? Are abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty acceptable? What is the purpose of marriage? How should we treat the environment?
 - ✓ Do you like to understand the views of different religions?
- ✓ Are you considering a career in medicine, law, politics, social work, teaching or in the civil service?
- ✓ If your answer is 'yes' to any of these questions, then *Philosophy and Ethics* might be the GCSE course for you!
- ✓ The students taking this subject become highly skilled at challenging their own beliefs, and the beliefs of others. We develop writing skills so that our students can present ideas and theories clearly and can spot the flaws in any argument.



How is the course delivered/examined?

- ✓ The course is split into three areas: Christianity, Hinduism and philosophical/ethics themes.
- ✓ Students learn about the beliefs and practices of Christians and Hindus – two very different religions.
- ✓ Four themes are studied: **relationships and families** (marriage, divorce, sex before marriage, family roles), **religion and life** (where did the universe/humans come from, how should we treat the environment/animals, is abortion/euthanasia right?), **religion, crime and punishment** (why do we punish? How do we punish? Should we use the death penalty?), and **the existence of God and revelation** (Can we prove God does/does not exist? Why is there evil and suffering? How do people claim to experience God?)
- ✓ There are two examinations taken at the end of year 11.

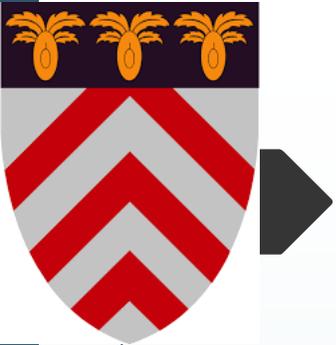




Frequently asked questions:

- ✓ **Do you need to be a Christian/Hindu or religious to study this course?**
- ✓ No, in fact this course works very well with students with very different beliefs, even atheists!
- ✓ **What can I do with this subject/is this subject worth doing?**
- ✓ This subject is incredibly worthwhile. A qualification in this subject will help you to access higher education. It teaches valuable skills which are transferable. A range of careers are available to you with this qualification. Philosophy and ethics is about understanding what other people think, and challenging different views – very useful skills in a range of different careers.
- ✓ **Is this the same as core RPS?**
- ✓ No, as core RPS is a non-examined subject, studying different topics.
- ✓ **Who do I speak to for more information?**
- ✓ Please speak to Ms Cannon, in room P106.





Student feedback:

This course really makes me think, and consider real issues around the world...

I love learning about Hinduism, it is so colourful and interesting...

I thought I knew about Christianity, but I've learnt so much more about it. It's more interesting than I first thought...

I think my writing skills have really improved. I'm now able to really explain my ideas clearly...

There is always something on the news which relates to this subject... it shows how relevant it is!