



## **RELIGIOUS STUDIES** also known as **PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS**

### **About the course**

A level Religious Studies is an exciting and engaging course that allows students to explore individual, moral, ethical, social, cultural and philosophical issues. You will explore questions such as:

*Do we really have free will?*

*Can the existence of God be proven?*

*Can war ever be justified?*

*What are the different perspectives about issues such as abortion and euthanasia?*

### **The are 3 units of study**

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- World Religion (e.g. Buddhism)

### **How it is Assessed**

3 exams at the end of the 2 year course.

### **The aims of the course are to encourage students to**

- develop their interest in and enthusiasm for a rigorous study of religion and relate it to the wider world
- adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion
- reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their learning
- treat the subject as an academic discipline by developing knowledge, understanding and skills appropriate to the specialist study of religion

### **The benefits of Religious Studies**

“Religious Studies A level provides an excellent foundation for a range of careers – from medicine to public service to business. Imagine how better prepared a doctor or business professional is if they understand the culture and customs of the individuals they are treating or dealing with”. *(Comment from the Religious Education Council of England and Wales)*