

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

ETHICS, PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION (EPR)

WHY CHOOSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

Do you want to explore the profound philosophical questions of life? Do you want to develop your analytical thinking? Are you prepared to engage with the complex ideas and issues facing contemporary society?

COURSE DETAILS

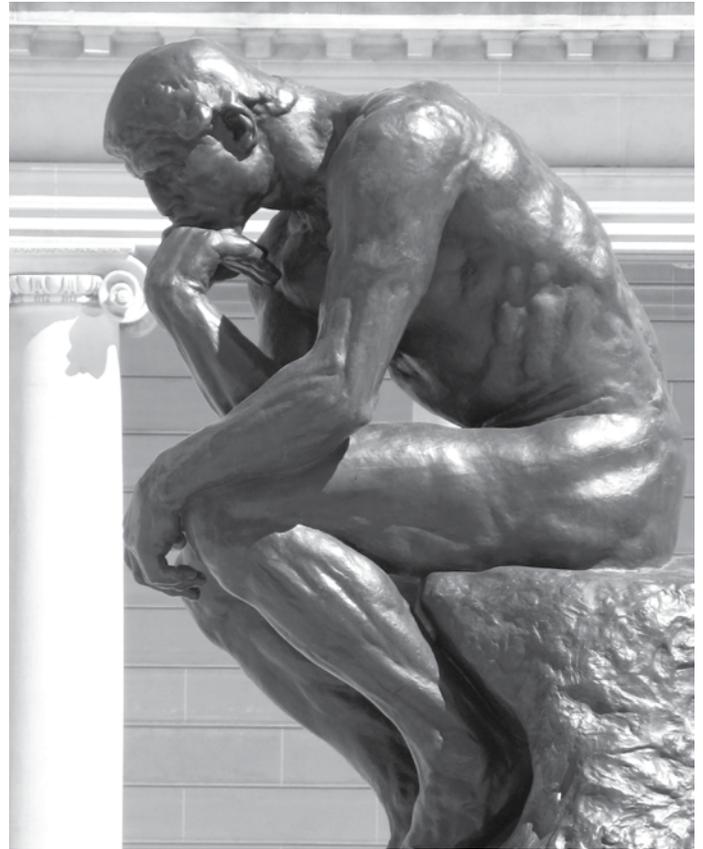
At A Level, you will be delving into the depths of human thought through a study of Philosophy and Ethics; two subject areas that seek to grapple with questions that challenge our everyday thinking about reality, meaning and the actions we take in life. The third aspect of the course is a critical and analytical study of the New Testament. You will explore the Biblical narrative and search for meaning in the messages of this ancient text.

This A Level develops enquiring minds and seeks to explore the complexity of human understanding. You will conduct in-depth analyses of philosophical, ethical and Biblical texts and develop an insight into the thought of the intellectual champions of our past which help us contemplate the ways forward in our own thinking.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPTIONS

The subject provides a solid foundation for key skills required at university such as independent study, a competence in writing structured and coherent essays and it develops a student's confidence when approaching complex ideas which require analysis. The subject is recognised as a discipline that enables the training of students to think critically; this would be a key aptitude for many degree courses/careers. Religious Studies students have gone on to study a range of subjects at university for example Law, Classics, English Literature, Modern Languages and Business Management.

The transferable skills you will develop studying the subject opens doors to many different occupations. In an increasingly global economy, the skills of vision, creativity and religious sensitivity are at a premium. Students have gone on to become lawyers, teachers, academics, civil servants, social workers, journalists and politicians but to name a few.



RELATED SUBJECTS

Religious Studies complements a whole range of A Level subjects. Past students have taken it alongside Sciences, Mathematics, Business Studies, Geography and Modern Languages.

The subjects that it will make explicit links with are: English Literature, History, Classical Civilisation, Sociology and Psychology.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Religious Studies GCSE Level 6.

English Language GCSE Level 6 is advisable.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Religious Studies department seeks to inspire a 'love of learning' in its students. Providing engaging lessons with a variety of teaching styles enables students to explore the subject in a creative and academic manner. Students are given the opportunity to look at the course content through film, art, drama and the co-curricular opportunities offered enrich the learning experience. In the past Religious Studies staff have taken students to see the Dalai Lama at MEN Arena, Durham University, theatre productions, lectures and had movie and pizza evenings. We're always looking to seize exciting chances to look at the subject in different ways.