

# Thinking about studying Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics)?

## Questions to Ask Yourself

1. Do you like to debate and argue?
2. Have you ever considered why people have different views on right and wrong?
3. Do ethical issues on the news make you think and question why?
4. Are you a deep thinker?
5. Do you question everything?
6. Do you want to know different arguments about why we exist?
7. Do you ever wonder how words get their meaning?
8. Have you ever wondered why people believe in God?
9. Would you like to know some philosophical and ethical arguments that would impress people in an argument?

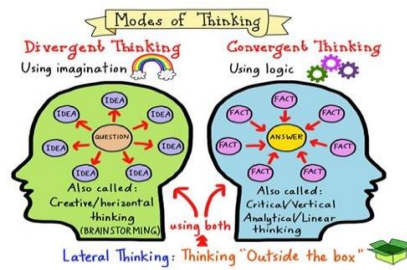
*Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics) is the study and analysis of the world and people to understand why they behave as they do and how their approach to the world impacts on their actions.*

*Religious studies develops a variety of skills, including those of discussion and debate.*

*The valuable skills of logical argument and critical evaluation are also developed and can be transferred to other areas of study.*

*It is also a highly valued subject at universities.*

*Universities see students who have studied Philosophy and Ethics have an enquiring mind and detailed skills of analysis which is seen as an essential skill for university.*



### What is the course like?

*There is no coursework.*

*A Level exam boards is OCR*

*Three exams at the end of Year 13 in Philosophy, Ethics, Theology*

*Each exam is 2 hours in which 3 essays have to be written out of a choice of 4.*

*Some of the topics covered*

- *Plato and Aristotle*
- *Mind, body and Soul*
- *Arguments for the existence of God*
- *Environmental ethics*
- *Situation ethics*
- *Conscience*
- *Human nature*
- *Gender and society*

### • **FAQ**

#### • **Do you have to be religious to do RS?**

- No, the majority of our students are not. The course challenges you to reflect on and be able to defend your views.

#### • **Do you have to have completed the full course RS GCSE?**

- No, all you need is a 6 GCSE grade in a Humanities subject and a 6 in English.

#### • **What degrees can I do with RS A level?**

- Any! RS is highly regarded by universities and employers as it proves that you are able to think, discuss and evaluate. It is an excellent preparation for any humanities degree.