

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES, PHILSOPHY AND ETHICS

#### **STAFF**

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#### **SUPPORT**

Mr Dyer and/or Miss Almond can be found in the RE department, Miss Maguire can be found in F003, her office near the RE department; students are always welcome to ask them for help in person. Mr Dyer, Miss Almond and Miss Maguire will also always respond to emails and questions asked on Teams.

#### INTRODUCTION

Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics offers an academic approach to the study of religion and the works of some of the world's greatest thinkers, and is accessible to candidates of any religious persuasion or none.

This A-level course races through the thinkers' history; from the giants of Greek philosophical thought, such as Socrates and Aristotle, to some of today's leading and contemporary philosophers and theologians. As such, the course offers an unprecedented depth to scholarly research and a fascinating richness of thought on any given topic.

Right from the start of the course, students will be encouraged to formulate their own thoughts in order to evaluate scholars' positions and contribute to the debate. They will be taught how to adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study, and to reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their learning.

#### WHAT TO BRING FOR YOUR FIRST LESSON

A pen, a pencil and an open mind.

### CLASSWORK, HOMEWORK AND INDEPENDENT STUDY

For each taught hour of Islam, Philosophy and Ethics, students will be expected to complete an hour of independent study outside of school. This may involve simply reading over the notes made in lesson to ensure knowledge is secure for the subsequent lesson; it may also involve reading and making notes on handouts, revising for knowledge assessments, completing assessment questions and creating presentations.



## **RESOURCES**

Students will be provided with an exercise book for each aspect of the course – Islam, Philosophy and Ethics.