

Department.....Philosophy & Ethics.....

<u>Year 7</u>
Year 7 begin their understanding of Philosophy by considering what makes a belief and why people of different cultures hold their beliefs. They delve into their own understanding of the world and consider key elements of their spirituality. Students then begin discussing key ethical issues in the world around them including animal rights and discrimination.
<u>Year 8</u>
Year 8 will consider a range of philosophical questions as they delve into some of the 'Ultimate Questions' raised throughout life. They will consider whether religion still has a use in the modern world, as well as how to achieve true happiness. They will then study a number of ethical considerations focusing on conflict including; terrorism, Just War Theory and Genocide.
<u>Year 9</u>
Year 9 begin their GCSE in Philosophy & Applied Ethics, with all students taking the subject at GCSE until Year 11. They will be focusing on Ethical questions surrounding Capital Punishment, the role of the justice system, equality in the world and human relationships. These topics form a basis on which to build students' discussion skills and higher order thinking skills necessary for the GCSE course.
<u>Year 10</u>
Syllabus website link http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse09/rs/Pages/default.aspx Past papers web link http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse09/rs/Pages/default.aspx Year 10 continue their GCSE in Religious Studies which started in Year 9. Students will be studying a number of topics, contrasting Christian and Islamic beliefs on both ethical and philosophical matters. This year students will look at the role of medical ethics, consider their rights and responsibilities and study different beliefs about the afterlife.
<u>Year 11</u>
Syllabus website link http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse09/rs/Pages/default.aspx Past papers web link http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse09/rs/Pages/default.aspx Year 11 continue their GCSE in Religious Studies which started in Year 9. Students will be studying a number of topics, contrasting Christian and Islamic beliefs on both ethical and philosophical matters. This year students will look at the role of punishment, attitudes to drugs and consider issues surrounding war and violence. They will then have a comprehensive revision schedule designed to give them the best possible chance to succeed in their summer examinations.
<u>Year 12</u>
Syllabus website link http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/rs/Pages/default.aspx Past papers web link http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/rs/Pages/default.aspx Students will study the AS qualification in Religious Studies, focusing on Philosophy of Religion and Ethics. They will study a wide range of topics including; arguments for and against the existence of God, the problem of evil, Utilitarianism, Situation Ethics and attitudes to war and Pacifism. They will then complete a Unit focusing on Medical Ethics, in particular the issues surrounding abortion and euthanasia.
<u>Year 13</u>
Syllabus website link http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/rs/Pages/default.aspx Past paper web link http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/rs/Pages/default.aspx Students will continue their A2 qualification in Religious Studies focusing on Philosophy of Religion and Ethics. They will study a wide range of topics including; attitudes to life after death, religious language, metaethics and the role of justice and law in a modern society. They will then complete a Unit focusing on an anthology of articles, selected by the exam board, highlighting issues raised throughout the A2 course.