

# Religious Studies

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## Entry Requirements

NHGS Sixth Form entry requirements.

## Aims of the Course

This qualification is designed to nurture the development of critical and reflective thinking with the aim of developing a greater understanding and appreciation of Buddhist beliefs and teachings, as well as the disciplines of ethics and philosophy. Emphasis is placed on critical analysis and the construction of balanced, informed arguments within the context of religious, philosophical and ethical awareness.

## Course structure and content

This is an academic subject which involves analysing and evaluating concepts that students would not necessarily have thought about before in this depth. The course is demanding and as such requires a lot of work from each of its students. You will need to be organised, motivated and enthusiastic and most importantly open to new ideas and concepts.

### Unit 1 -

Ancient philosophical influences, soul mind and body, arguments for and against God's existence, religious experience and language, the problem of evil, immortality.

### Unit 2 -

Normative ethical theories, the application of normative theories to four modern day issues, ethical language and thought, debates about conscience and freewill.

### Unit 3 -

Buddhist beliefs, values and teachings and their relation to the contemporary world, sources of religious wisdom and authority, practices, plus social and historical developments in theology and Buddhist thought.

## Assessment

At the end of the Lower 6th, students sit an exam on all of the Lower 6th content. This does not count towards the final grade, but assesses the content at this half-way point before progression to the Upper 6th.

The final assessments at the end of the Upper 6th are as below:

**Assessment 1** - 33.3% 2 hour written paper.

**Assessment 2** - 33.3% 2 hour written paper.

**Assessment 3** - 33.3% 2 hour written paper.

## Future career opportunities

Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics opens up a world of opportunities. Students often study a degree in Philosophy, PPE, Theology, or Physics and Philosophy which are available to study at all major universities. Graduates go on to work in Politics, Media, Law, Medical Ethics, Publishing, Civil Service, Marketing, Recruitment Consultation, HR, Public Service and Education.



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