Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

OCR (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. Disciplinary study of Philosophy and Ethics, as well as exploration into developments in Buddhist thought encourages critical analysis of differing viewpoints and perspectives. Emphasis is placed on discussion and debate and this subject involves communicating with precision and clarity in essay writing, whilst constructing a clear thesis and line of argument.

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 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

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics opens up a world of opportunities. Students may study degree level Philosophy, RS, PPE, Humanities and wider areas of social science. Graduates of RPE are valued in a variety of work places such as law, medical ethics, AI, media, civil service, politics, social care and, in fact, any career working with people.

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