



**RICHARD
TAUNTON**
Sixth Form College

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

THIS INTERESTING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING COURSE OFFERS INSIGHT INTO A RANGE OF DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS, PHILOSOPHICAL, AND ETHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD. YOU WILL STUDY THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION, RELIGION AND ETHICS, AND DEVELOPMENTS IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT. THROUGH CLASS DISCUSSIONS AND WRITTEN ARGUMENTS, YOU WILL DEVELOP SKILLS THAT ARE PRIZED BY UNIVERSITIES AND EMPLOYERS ALIKE.

TOPICS YOU'LL COVER

YEAR ONE

- Ancient philosophical influences, ideas of soul, mind and body
- God and the world; arguments for his existence
- Religious approaches to ethics
- Kantian ethics, business ethics, utilitarianism and euthanasia
- Buddhism: Buddha, rebirth, existence, four noble truths and meditation

YEAR TWO

- Religious language
- How religious language has changed over time
- Ideas of conscience, theological and psychological approaches
- Sexual ethics, homosexuality and modern and traditional approaches
- Different schools of Buddhism.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed at the end of the course in your second year. There are three written exams, all weighted equally at 33.3%. All are two hours each.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English Language.

PROGRESSION POSSIBILITIES

CAREERS: Teacher, social worker, politician, journalist.

UNIVERSITY STUDY: Religious Studies, Philosophy And Ethics, Theology, History, Politics, Law, Anthropology, Sociology.

SKILLS DEVELOPED

- Critical thinking
- Written analysis and argument
- Discussion and debate
- Close reading and summarising information
- Developing logical chains of reasoning

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Trips include the Philosophy Conference at the University of Southampton, School of Oriental and African Studies in London and the London Buddhist Centre.

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

LEVEL

LEVEL 3

CURRENT EXAM BOARD

OCR

CURIOS ABOUT... RELIGIOUS STUDIES?



Read 'Buddhism' by Denise Cush



Watch - What is Philosophy? on the CrashCourse channel on Youtube

Additional Information: We would recommend buying a textbook from OCR specifically designed for this course. Your teacher can advise you to ensure you buy the correct edition.

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