

Description

RMPS offers pupils the opportunity to explore relevant and challenging topics. Pupils will develop their knowledge and understanding of world religions, moral issues and philosophical questions. They will analyse these exploring the implications of different viewpoints and finally, the best part, explore their own views and learn how to formulate arguments about big questions.



The course encourages active learning in the process of investigating religious, moral and philosophical topics or issues. Through the course as a whole, candidates take a broad overview of the beliefs, values or viewpoints of more than one religion. Candidates develop and apply a range of cognitive skills in particular analysis, evaluation, researching and critical-thinking.

Course content

This class will choose a World Religion, Morality & Belief, and Philosophical Question topic to cover. We have many options to choose from and we like to ask the class which topics to focus on in detail. In 2021-2022, the S3 class decided to focus on Judaism, Gender and the Existence of Suffering and Evil. The N5 and Higher classes decided to focus on Buddhism, Justice and Origins of universe and life.

World Religion options

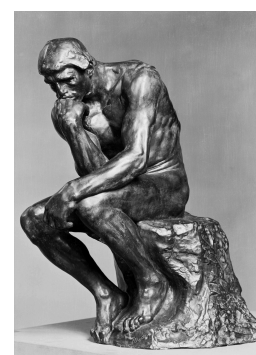
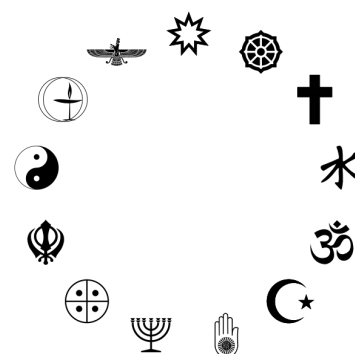
Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism
(in each case we will investigate the beliefs and practices)

Morality & Belief options

- Justice (purposes of punishment and responses to crime)
- Relationships (sex, marriage and gender)
- Environmental and global issues (resources, climate and poverty)
- Medicine and the human body (embryos, organ donation, end of life)
- Conflict (war and armaments)

Philosophical Question options

- Was the universe and life created?
- Does God exist?
- Who is responsible for evil and suffering?
- Are miracles real?



Progression

This course of study will prepare pupils for further study in RMPS at National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher. This route also leads to the possibility of Higher Philosophy.