

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Subject Overview

Religious education at A'Level provokes challenging questions about the ultimate meaning and purpose of life, arguments for God's existence, beliefs and about the self and the nature of reality and ethical issues of right and wrong.

## What we Study?

Ever wondered what would happen if we found conclusive proof that God doesn't exist and the impact that would have on society, the world, and education?

### Philosophy:

The central question in philosophy is whether we can prove that God exists? During Year 12 we look at four key arguments, The Design argument, Cosmological argument, Miracles and finally The Problem of Evil. During Year 13 we reflect on the use of religious language and consider if talking about religion is meaningful? Could it ever be possible to prove God's existence through religious experiences?

### Ethics:

Students study the relationship between religion and morality. Here student analyse the possibility that morality is dependent on the existence of God as the ground of moral values. Students also examine a range of issues associated with sexual ethics, including, homosexuality and pornography; which are considered from religious and secular perspectives. There will also be investigation of the Utilitarianism and Situation Ethics.

## Exam Board Specification

**AS** Students will sit 2 exams. The first exam is based on Ethical principles and their application to the issue of Abortion. The second exam is a mixture of both Philosophy and Ethics from the topics listed above.

**A2** Students will sit both exams in June, these 2 exams consist of Essay types questions based on Philosophy and Ethics. The second exam is a Synoptic paper that combines all topics studied.

## Student Profile

**Name:** Yasmine S



*I want to read law at Oxford and studying ethics helps you think critically when evaluating different theories, a skill needed in the legal profession.*

*So far we have studied Utilitarianism and Situation ethics, two ways to look at moral issues. We have applied this to the issue of abortion and found that our studies have developed the way we approach these topics.*

*I also study English, History and Geography and have found that my subjects link together in different areas.*

