Why is RPE important?

Religion and beliefs inform our values and are reflected in what we say and how we behave; however too often we are not given the chance to wonder. In Religion Philosophy and Ethics we provoke challenging questions about the ultimate meaning and purpose of life, beliefs about God, the self and the nature of reality, issues of right and wrong, and what it means to be human. Through studying different religious and philosophical ideas we encourage students to consider their beliefs and how these might affect the choices they make; as well as encouraging them to understand the significance of religion in the lives of others – individually, communally and cross-culturally.

What is the aim of the KS4 RPE curriculum at SKS?

At GCSE level we study the two religions of Christianity and Judaism in depth, considering what the religion believes, why they believe this and what effect it has on the person’s life. Through considering themes such as crime and punishment, the value and sanctity of human life, the origins of the world and what duty we have (if any) to protect the world and its inhabitants; we contrast religious and non-religious beliefs, encouraging students to empathise on varying viewpoints whilst reaching a personal conclusion on what they believe.

Students develop the skills learnt at KS3 particularly in interpretation, reflection, empathy, analysis and self understanding.

How is the RPE curriculum structured at SKS?