**GCSE Religious Studies - Religions, Philosophy and Ethics**

This course enables students to build up an understanding of the world around us and respect different cultures. Students will develop skills in empathy, analysis and evaluation as they learn to apply knowledge and understanding to key philosophical and ethical issue. The course will focus on religious, spiritual and cultural views of the world on key moral issues such as ; right and wrong, Evil and suffering, abortion, euthanasia, the origins of the universe, war and peace, genetic engineering and life after death.

The course also investigates religious beliefs and practices in Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity as well as Humanism and Atheist responses to key concepts.

The Course will help to prepare students for GCSE by covering the content and skills necessary for Key stage 4.

Topics include;

* Religion, War and Peace
* Science vs Religion and the origins of the universe and humans
* Moral issues – abortion and euthanasia , animal rights, human rights
* Belief in Life After death (Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, spiritualist, Atheist, Humanist responses)
* Family and Relationships- marriage , divorce , gender equality, sexuality
* Islam Beliefs and Practices.
* Christianity Beliefs and Practices