

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**Religious Studies GCSE is accepted by all universities as an equal and respected academic qualification that develops necessary skills for higher education and the world of work.**

## **Should I choose this subject?**

Do you enjoy discussing and debating? Do you wish to take a subject that will allow and demand you to formulate self opinions with reasoned justifications?

If you answered 'yes' to some or all of these questions, then Religious Studies is the correct choice for you. You do not have to be "religious" to study religion, philosophy or ethics.

## **What Will I Study?**

### **Religion and Ethical & Philosophical Themes**

You will explore: why some people believe in God whilst others do not; the source and role of authority; what it means to be a human and respecting oneself; social justice and fairness; creation of the world; nature of God; good and evil responses to suffering and evil; the Just War theory; issues on wealth and poverty; sexual relationships; treatment of criminals. Medical Ethics will also be examined including abortion and euthanasia.

### **Some issues debated during the course:**

What makes an act 'wrong'?

Can war ever be morally justified?

Is it ever right to use capital punishment?

Is abortion always wrong?

Is euthanasia acceptable?

**(There are no controlled assessments for Religious Studies, it is 100% examination).**

### **Educational Visits & Speakers**

Visit London Imperial War Museum (Holocaust Exhibition)

Visit to Europe (Poland or Prague - concentration camps)

Visit to Rome (Visit to Vatican, Colosseum and various other religious sites)

Visit to Amsterdam (Ann Frank Museum)

Visit London Synagogue

Holocaust Survivors visit the school



### **What can I do with it?**

You could pursue a variety of careers including Medicine, Law, Journalism, Dentistry, Criminology, Teaching, Philosophy, Archaeology, Marketing, Business, Personnel, Nursing, Social Work or Theology, indeed almost anything. Whatever GCSE choices or future career path you intend to follow, Religious Studies could be the choice for you!