

RELIGIOUS, MORAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES: NATIONAL 3/4/5

Why RMPS? – The RMPS course helps you to develop an understanding of the society in which you live and work through learning about, and from, religious beliefs, non-religious viewpoints and personal experience. The course encourages you to develop values and beliefs and learn how to express them. It helps you to develop respect for others and an understanding of beliefs and practices which are different from your own. You will develop an understanding of human beliefs, values and behaviour; and examine how religion, morality and philosophy might help people find meaning and purpose in life.

Entry to the Course - This exciting course is offered for S5 and S6 pupils only. The RMPS course will be offered at various levels to suit the learning needs of all pupils. Enthusiasm for the subject is all that is required.

Course Outline –

The areas of study are:

World Religion – In this topic you will do an in-depth study of one of the world's major religions. The department have chosen to study Buddhism - previous classes have found this an engaging and thought provoking area of study.

Morality and Belief – You will study moral issues and their background, implications and responses through studying one major moral issue and responses to it. The chosen topic of study is 'Religion and Conflict'.

Religious and Philosophical Questions – In this unit you will study the range of theories relating to the Origins of Life. Topics included in this section are; evolution, the Big Bang Theory, creation stories and the compatibility between science and faith.

Assessment –

At National 3 and National 4 there are assessments at the end of each of the three units. At National 4 there is also an assignment which will allow you to apply a range of skills as you research a religious, moral or philosophical issue.

At National 5 you will write a report on your own research into a religious, moral or philosophical issue of your own choice. This will be marked by the SQA and will form part of the overall grade awarded. There is also an external exam at the end of the year, which will also be used to determine your overall grade, along with the assignment.

For further information or advice, speak to Mr MacKay or Miss Miller.