

HIGHER RELIGIOUS, MORAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES

WHY RMPS?

The purpose of this Course is to develop knowledge and understanding of religious, moral and philosophical issues that affect the world today. Religious and non-religious perspectives will be included. The Course will explore the questions they raise and the solutions or approaches they offer. You will have opportunities to reflect on these and on your own experience and views. You will also develop skills which are transferable to other areas of study and which you will use in everyday life.

WHO CAN TAKE HIGHER RMPS?

Higher RMPS is a fascinating course but also academically challenging. In order to take the course in S5, you must be predicted to gain at least four National 5 qualifications in S4, one of which must be English. In order to take the course in S6, you must be predicted to gain Higher English in S5. If you have not taken Higher English in S5, you must be predicted to gain an A or a B in Higher History or Modern Studies.

COURSE CONTENT

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 – In this unit you will do an in-depth study of a contemporary moral issue. You will also assess how philosophers, non-religious groups and religious groups respond to the moral issue. 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

There is a final exam consisting of two papers which will test knowledge and understanding, analysis and evaluation skills through essay writing. In addition, there is also an assignment on a topic of your choice, written in school and marked externally. This forms part of your overall mark.

Further advice and information is available from Mr MacKay or Miss Miller.