



KS4 Religion, Philosophy and Ethics EPQ (Level 2)

What will I learn?

Much of the content of Year 9 and 10 is about questions without simple answers. These could be religious or philosophical questions but you will always be encouraged to think deeper. Examples of questions covered are shown below:

Religious:

Can we define God?
What leads to radicalisation?
Is Islam a religion of peace?
What role do festivals have in religion?

Philosophical:

What is colour?
How do we know what we know?
Is there a difference between body and mind?
Can you learn to be happy?

Ethical:

How can we know what is good and what is bad?
Should animals have rights?
What is justice?
Should we allow genetic engineering?

How will I learn?

Students are encouraged to develop a variety of skills in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics. This means that there will be periods (especially in Year 10) where students are expected to work independently but, at other times, students will be asked to work in groups to construct arguments or research topics. Within each topic area, there will be lots of opportunity for debate.

How will I be assessed?

In Year 10 students are expected to produce a level 2 HPQ (Higher Project Qualification) which typically involves a longer form essay. The question that you will answer is up to you. You decide on your own question and then research your answer. The essay and accompanying documents is marked by a member of staff and then moderated by the exam board. A pass is equivalent to half of a GCSE.

How does Key Stage 4 differ from Key Stage 3?

Students are expected to take the initiative more with work; they will be expected to engage with more complex questions; they will be expected to write a greater length.