



# Religious Studies

## A Level / AQA

### **Aims of the course:**

- To discover and explore some of the key philosophical questions that life presents.
- To study what is meant by 'ethics' and how this can impact on human actions.
- To gain a deeper understanding of the Christian faith in relation to contemporary issues.

### **What are lessons like?**

- Lessons are highly engaging and interesting, yet exam focused.
- Focus on the development of examination technique.
- Opportunities for debate and discussion on contemporary issues.
- All lessons have pre populated notes which students can annotate and develop.
- Interactive revision games e.g. Kahoot
- Folders are provided.

### **What are exams like?**

- There are TWO 3 hour examinations in Religious Studies.
- Paper 1: Philosophy and Ethics
- Paper 2: Christianity

### **Recommended prior learning /entry requirements:**

- Catholic Christianity / Christianity for GCSE study
- A grade 4 in RE and English

### **Recommended additional reading:**

- Keep up to date with current affairs e.g. the news!
- Richard Swinburne 'Is there a God?'

### **Where can this course lead to?**

- This Religious Studies A Level course is viewed very highly by universities. It is a traditional, academic subject which allows students to become highly skilled in academic writing.
- Studying this subject can help lead to a wide range of university courses, alongside subject specific courses such as Theology and Philosophy.
- The study of Theology / Philosophy at university can lead to a range of careers in education, business, law and research. This type of degree would make students eligible for a wide range of graduate schemes in a number of different professions.

### **Why take Religious Studies at St Mary's College Sixth Form?**

- Become highly skilled in academic writing, including evaluation and analysis.
- To gain a wider understanding of the world, people's choices and faith.
- To develop essential skills for university, such as discussion and debate.
- Be a part of one of the highest performing subjects at St Mary's College – ALPS 2 for four consecutive years.