

Religious Education



This course gives you a good grounding in moral, philosophical, ethical and theological thinking. It therefore gives a good grounding to pursue a career in medicine, nursing, law, the sciences, business, Youth and Social work and Teaching.



Case Study: Miss A Boxer

I am currently carrying out my teacher training with St Robert of Newminster RE Department after completing my BA in Theology and Religious Studies and my MA in Contemporary Religion at York St John University. I have always been passionate about Religious Education however it was not until sixth form, when I studied Ethics and Philosophy (2009-2011) that I realised I wanted to pursue further education in this field.

This course gave me the opportunity to develop my skills of essay writing as well as increasing my confidence through group discussion and presentations. This allowed me the opportunity to develop my skills before going to University where I could put these into practice. The RE department were fantastically supportive throughout my time in sixth form and I was really challenged by them to do the best that I could. I would highly recommend studying "Ethics and Philosophy" course to anyone thinking of attending sixth form at St Roberts as it is not only a great course but you will have the support of fantastic department.

Entry requirements: Grade B in RE at GCSE or Grade 5 in English

What will you be learning?

The course is based on the following three areas of study: -

1. Philosophy of Religion
2. Religious Ethics
3. Developments of Christian Thought

The course is linear and students have the opportunity to sit AS exams at the end of Year 12 or study for the full A Level and sit exams at the end of Year 13.

How will you be assessed?

Each of the three modules are assessed. The exams equate to 33.3% of the final grade (both at AS and A2). AS examinations are 1hr 15 mins and A2 are 2hrs.

How will I be taught?

The specifications of the course build on the knowledge, understanding and core skills that candidates may have developed through the study of GCSE Religious Studies. You will be expected to work independently and part of a group as well as receiving traditional teaching.

What skills will I develop?

The course promotes an appreciation of many scholarly views. You will also acquire the skills to analyse key issues in the theological and philosophical debate, identify the strengths and weaknesses of a variety of theological and philosophical theories, and construct your own arguments on a range of issues in theology, philosophy, and ethics.

It complements most other A- Level subjects.