



# Brigidine School Windsor

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

### Overview of subject:

Ethics :

Ethical concepts – utilitarianism, religion and morality, situation ethics

Ethical dilemmas – war and peace, sexual ethics

A study of selected problems in ethics – ethical terms, emotivism, objectivity, relativism, subjectivism, justice, law and punishment

A study of Philosophy of Religion:

Philosophical arguments for the existence of God – Cosmological and Design

The problem of evil and suffering

Miracles

Life after death – religious experience

Religious language

Ontological argument

Critique of religious belief

### Prerequisite:

A good grade in Religious Studies at GCSE.

### Skills acquired during course:

The ability to use appropriate language and terminology in context. Also students can interpret and evaluate religious concepts, issues, ideas, the relevance of arguments and views of scholars. The ability to use reasoned arguments substantiated by evidence.

### Assessment procedure: e.g. coursework/exam, no of papers:

AS consists of 2 units. Both units are assessed by two written examinations with a total examination time of 1½ hours for each unit.

The A2 consists of a further 2 units – these are assessed by two written examinations with a total examination time of 1½ hours for each unit.

### Career opportunities:

Journalism, Law, Teaching, Police Force.

### Present students' comments:

*"Religious Studies is interesting and a fulfilling subject for anyone who has an inquisitive, curious mind. There is certainly more to the world around us than meets the eye!"*

*"I am finding RS and Philosophy very interesting, as we are going in depth with each of the subjects. I always walk out of the lesson having learnt something".*

*"AS level Religious Studies has been so different from GCSE Religious Studies. There is so much more to philosophy and ethics than I could have imagined. I can see now that it is changing the way I think and respond to things such as other subjects. If I had to choose again I would still choose Religious Studies!"*

*"Religious Studies is a fulfilling subject that broadens one's outlook on everyday life. It allows you to question matters that may never have interested you before. It consists of Philosophy and RS, and is thoroughly enjoyable".*

*"We get so many points of views from so many philosophers, we seem to know what everyone thinks but it helps you to understand the teachings of Jesus, and the world around us more".*

**BOARD:** Edexcel

**SPECIFICATION NO:** AS=8562, A2=9562