

## Year 9 - Religious Studies

### What will be studied?

#### Topic(s)

**Topic One:** Can we prove the existence of God? Students will study various ways that philosophers have attempted to prove the existence of God, e.g. Cause, Design, and the relative strengths and weaknesses of each.

**Topic Two:** Life - what is the value of life (animal and human), what is meant by quality of life? What is meant by sanctity of life?

**Topic Three:** Life after Death. What do different religions from Abrahamic and dharmic traditions teach about life after death? What objections are raised by humanist thinkers?

**Topic Four:** Medical ethics. What do religious traditions add to modern developments in the field of medicine? What worries do they have?

**Topic 5:** Technology. What concerns do religious believers have about the rise of technology eg Genetic Engineering, AI

#### How do you assess the learning?

Roughly half termly assessment with one, two and four mark questions

### End of Year Examination

#### How will I be assessed at the end of the year?

Students will write an internal exam. They will be required to answer one, two and four mark questions. The examination will last for 50 minutes.

### How can I help my child?

#### Guidance and advice

##### All topics

The Year 9 topics cover a wide range of sensitive topics. You can help by discussing these sensitively and thoughtfully with your child. Spending time discussing news stories is always helpful.