

Religion and Philosophy

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Why King's?

Facilities

- Extensive philosophy and theology library

Highlights

- Sixth Form conference and visiting speakers
- 100% pass at A Level, 84% A* - A
- 100% pass at GCSE, 97% 9-8

Academic Performance

73% A*-A

Religion and Philosophy A Level

97% 9-8

Religion and Philosophy IGCSE

2022 Results

Religion and Philosophy at King's aims to produce religiously literate pupils capable of thinking philosophically.

Why do some people suffer? Is there life after death? Are science and religion in conflict? Is there a God? Who was the real Jesus? These are just some of the questions we ask in RP. Our aim for Religion and Philosophy at King's is to help pupils to think seriously and independently about morality and spirituality through engaging with the Christian faith and the world's other major religious traditions and philosophies.

Our examination courses are wide ranging and provide a rigorous intellectual challenge. For IGCSE (Edexcel) we look at Christian beliefs and the Buddhist community. For A level (Edexcel), our focus is on the twin pillars of western civilisation: the western philosophical and ethical tradition from Aristotle to Freud and beyond; and the Judeo-Christian theological tradition transmitted through the New Testament. Pupils will gain skills that will be immensely useful to anyone pursuing a humanities degree at university and for professions which require thinking, evaluation, and intelligent expression, both written and spoken.

By learning to express your arguments orally and in writing, Religion and Philosophy will prepare you for the rigours of university and good careers beyond.

Research in the United States has demonstrated that students studying Philosophy score higher on the university graduate entrance examinations than students who major in any other field of study apart from Mathematics and the Natural Sciences. Furthermore, Philosophy scores higher than every other subject in developing students' verbal skills. By learning to express your arguments orally and in writing, Religion and Philosophy will prepare you for the rigours of university and good careers beyond. Your brain will hurt at times but as Aristotle taught, excellence only comes through repeated mental endeavour.

With an extensive philosophy and theology library and a comfortable "philosophy lounge", we give our pupils ample room to satisfy their intellectual curiosities. Guest speakers and after school enrichment sessions offer further opportunities for academic challenge. Our annual philosophy trip to Oxford helps us engage with some of the best new thinking in the subject.

Exam Specifications:

IGCSE Edexcel 4RS1

A Level Edexcel 9RS0

