

RELIGION, ETHICS AND PHILOSOPHY

WHY STUDY RELIGIOUS STUDIES *at* STONYHURST?

MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

We will help you to develop and share your individual gifts and talents, learn from others and reach your full potential, preparing you for a successful future, wherever it may take you. The course is designed to produce highly-educated pupils who embrace social responsibility, intercultural awareness and a duty to local and global communities to make an increasingly complex world a better place.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Religion, Ethics and Philosophy explore the fundamental questions that people have asked since the beginning of time, and confronts new problems arising within contemporary society. These questions are many and varied:

- ✓ What exists?
- ✓ What is it to be a human being?
- ✓ What can we know?
- ✓ How do I know what is the right thing to do?

Studying Religion, Ethics and Philosophy develops intellectual rigour, an open and critical mind, and a willingness to understand alternative views.

At the core of Religious Studies is a concern with truth and clarity of understanding, achieved through critical and systematic thinking, careful analysis of arguments and close reading.

Looking ahead to higher education, every course of study at university has its roots in Philosophy and Ethics, so understanding the critical techniques involved will allow you to better understand whichever degree you wish to take.

WHAT DO THE STUDENTS SAY?

“Religious Studies can be viewed as a learning curve in reasoning, logical deduction, and the construction of coherent arguments. In my degree I look at cases, judgements, even philosophical ideas, and must ask why they are so. No matter where you go and what you do, the critical and analytical skill set that the Religious Studies course provides its students with will always be of great use and value.”

James Powell,
Jurisprudence (Law) at Oxford

“A Level Religious Studies is especially suited to anyone who questions the world in which they live. You will be exposed to a huge variety of fascinating philosophies and perspectives which will leave you astonished, fascinated and galvanised to learn more.”

Through being stimulated by these topics, you will most importantly learn how to critically think and argue. This subject requires and trains you to question assumptions, create imaginative solutions to problems and justify your views convincingly: truly vital and valued skills in life.”

Rory McCullough,
Theology at Edinburgh



