

RMPS

Higher

Recommended Entry Requirements

C or above
at National 5
RMPS

S5/S6 pupils can 'crash' Higher RMPS but are encouraged to discuss prior course choice, plans for further/higher education and occupations with teachers; an understanding of the course is expected

Progression through RMPS

Advanced
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Course Content

World Religion- Buddhism

- Beliefs about the Buddha
- Three Marks of Existence- dukkha, anicca & anatta
- Nature of human beings- tanha, kamma & the three root poisons
- Samsara
- Nibbana
- Eightfold Path
- Five Precepts, the Sangha
- Meditation and devotion

Morality & Belief- Morality and Justice

- The Purposes of Punishment
- The Causes of Crime
- Responses to Crime
- Capital Punishment

Religious & Philosophical Questions- Evil and Suffering

Who is responsible for suffering and evil?

Is God responsible for suffering and evil?

- What arguments are used **to support God's responsibility** for suffering and evil?
- What are the **strengths and weaknesses** of these arguments?

Are humans responsible for suffering and evil?

- What arguments are used to support human responsibility for suffering and evil?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of these arguments?

Can responsibility for suffering and evil lie with both God and humans?

Skills Developed

The Higher course aims to build on the transferable skills which candidates developed in the National qualification. During this year, we focus specifically on analysis and evaluation skills. Our course challenges pupils to develop their extended writing skills and learn to construct timed exam essays. The content of the Higher course is demanding and requires students to critically analyse and investigate the religious, moral and philosophical questions and issues which stem from our studies. The course consists of weekly homework and there is an expectation that students will work outside of class to develop their knowledge and understanding. There is a lot of thinking and writing in this course but it aims to prepare learners for life after school.

The course begins with a skills unit where students are taught how to write evaluative essays, ensuring they have the relevant skills needed for success at Higher level. During this unit they will be issued with a 'Golden Guide' which is a course booklet to help them develop the necessary skills.

Assessment

Exam Paper One

2 hours 15 minutes, 60 marks

Exam Paper Two

45 minutes, 20 marks

Assignment

1 hour 30 minutes, 30 marks

Related Careers

Social Subjects (e.g. Sociology, Psychology, Social Anthropology, History, Philosophy, Criminology), Emergency Services (e.g. Medicine, Police & Prison Services, Fire Service), Social Work, Education, Journalism and the Media, Law etc

Ricky Gervais, Rashida Jones, Martin Luther King and Maggie Gyllenhaal all have degrees related to RMPS!

