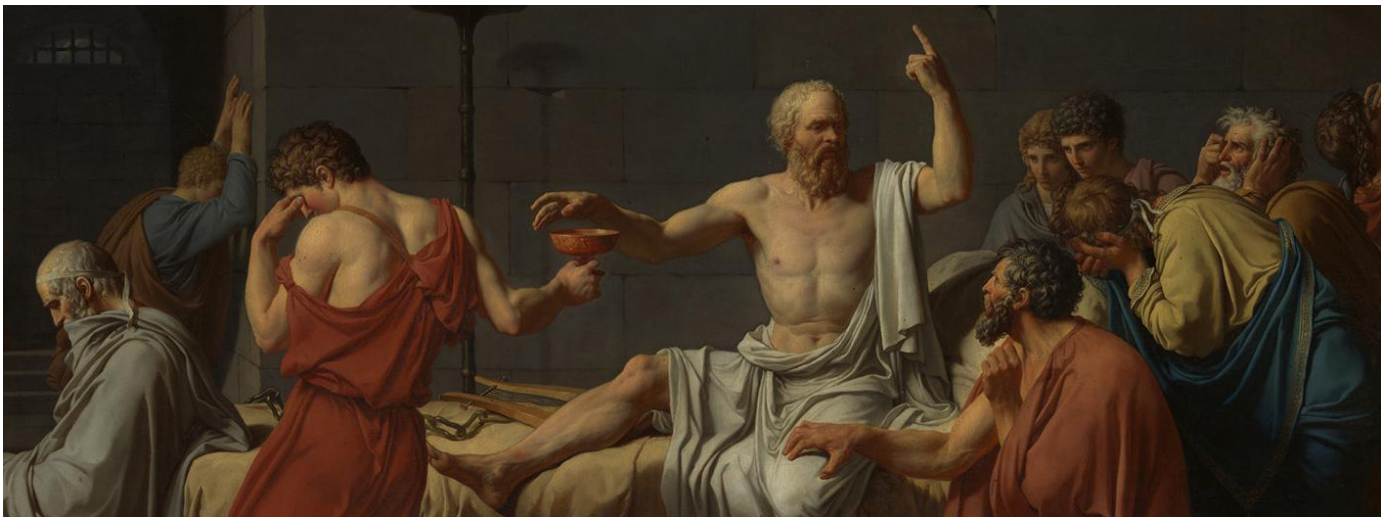


Religious Studies (Edexcel)

*“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”
- Aristotle*

The subject behind all subjects lies here. At Northampton High, we believe studying the disciplines of Philosophy, Ethics and Religious Studies help us to unpack complex concepts within all of the other subjects we study in school. Nowhere else can our hearts, minds, bodies and souls be engaged in furious debate through to calm and serene spiritual reflection. Nothing is off the discussion table as we plan and prepare for the world, the universe and beyond.



Academic

Our selection of papers include: Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics and Christianity. Topics include: abortion, sex, life after death, cosmology, the environment, law, secularisation and the problem of evil.

Students develop the skills for in-depth analysis, particularly demonstrated in our investigations into the scholarly works of Aristotle and Dawkins. Through this we learn quickly how to support and challenge, critiquing works that contribute to the topics studied. Students learn to adapt arguments to answer exam questions, whilst exploring for themselves ideas that fascinate them.

Co-Curricular

Students attend Candle Conferences featuring lectures from the eminent Dr Peter Vardy. We deepen understanding of course content and make connections to university-level study. We enjoy engaging in debate with other schools, an exciting highlight in our calendar. Philosophy and Ethics Club gives students space and time to further explore complex concepts, widen reading or rehearse examination technique. We offer subject mentoring for students who would like to study the subject at university as well as associated disciplines such as Law and Sociology.

Associated with the department is the FemSoc society, which calls for social justice through campaigns such as Period Poverty Awareness and Pride Day.