

# Theology & Philosophy



Students lovingly refer to the subject as Theology and Philosophy or 'TP' at NHS, even though we also cover Ethics (Moral Philosophy) and Religious Study.

We learn about and learn from Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism as well as Humanist, Atheist and other secular perspectives plus many more diverse worldviews. All students explore a variety of social, moral, spiritual and cultural topics.

*“Having studied TP, I like knowing in detail the things which I disagree with.” - Omofemi, Year 13*

We respect the right of all students to maintain and develop their own beliefs and values as we value the diversity of faiths and philosophies of our students, striving to nurture an ethos of dialogue, understanding, and critical thinking.

Students are welcomed to a variety of clubs including #REinspired as well as Hinduism and Christianity Club for GCSE and Philosophy and Ethics Club at A Level.

*“It’s nice to be able to make educated and informed decisions on my beliefs and morals.” - Omofemi, Year 13*

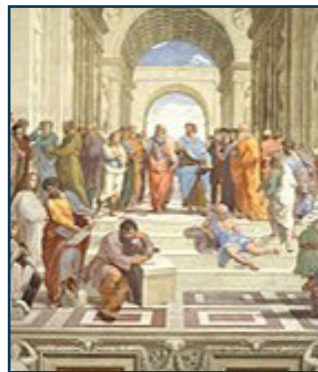


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## Key Stage 3

At Key Stage 3, we embark on a thematic course of study covering Philosophy, Theology, Ethics and Religious Study, to give students quality breadth and depth of experience in preparation for exams as well as enjoyment! One of our popular topics of study is a Philosophy unit in Year 8, 'Why is there Evil and Suffering?' Students relish the opportunity to explore JL Mackie's 'Inconsistent Triad' and analyse 'solutions' as attempts to bring together the existence of God with the presence of evil and suffering.



## Key Stage 4

We explore beliefs, teachings and practices of these two world religions in fun, creative and meaningful ways, from acting out the parables of Jesus, performing methods of yoga or a 'walking and talking' mock examination!

Thematic Studies allows the students to explore philosophical and ethical topics from same-sex relationships, abortion, the existence of God, prejudice and discrimination to name but a few.

In Year 10, we enjoy a trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor (Hindu followers of Lord Krishna) including watching an aarti ceremony.

## Key Stage 5

The A Level has been specifically selected as the best preparation for university, since each component contains an extensive anthology, giving the opportunity to read extracts from scholars including Aristotle, Kant and Dawkins; this means students become

fearless, and embrace challenging readings. Students explore a wide variety of topics from Religious Experience and Life after Death, to Euthanasia and Racism, from Gospel Music to Women in the Church! Many of our students go on to study associated courses including Law, Politics and International Relations, as well as recent alumnae studying Religion, Politics and Society at Leeds, and Philosophy at Cambridge.



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