

Ethics Department Curriculum Overview

In the ethics department, students follow a course in religious education which examines beliefs and teachings; worship and practices; philosophical ideas and questions and ethical perspectives on issues in the modern world.

The department aims to develop learners' knowledge and understanding of religious and non-religious beliefs, such as, humanism and atheism; to engage with questions of belief, value, meaning, purpose and truth and the influence of these ideas on human life. Students will be challenged to reflect upon their own values, beliefs and attitudes in light of what they have learnt. They will learn how to construct well-informed, balanced arguments to questions.

The curriculum will help students to make sense of the world they live in; relationships between people and the common and divergent views that exist within a religious tradition.

In Year 7 students follow the Agreed Syllabus for RE in East Sussex, Faith in the 21st Century. They follow units in Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism and in what it means to be non-religious. In Year 8, students focus on the study of the beliefs, teachings and practices of Christianity and Hinduism in preparation for the GCSE. In Years 9-10, students follow the GCSE course for EDUQAS Specification A. In Year 12 and 13 students can opt to follow the OCR A Level course in Philosophy, Ethics and Buddhism.