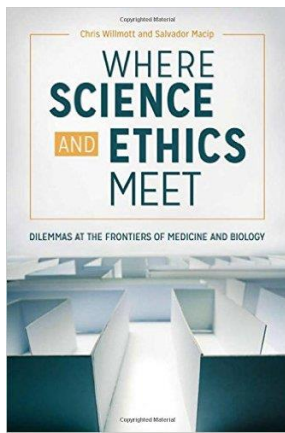


Ethics and Philosophy (EP) GCSE

Why choose EP at GCSE?

EP is an academic subject that is well regarded at top universities. Below are three professions that hold EP in high regard and their reasons for doing so.

- **Medicine:** Medics make decisions based on ethical principles every day.
- **Public services (police/prison officer/firefighter/teacher):** Having a good awareness of cultural and religious diversity will help you deal with the public.
- **Politics/law:** Critical analysis and debating skills are invaluable in these areas.



Structure of the course

Specification: AQA Religious Studies A

In GCSE EP two religions are studied in depth; Christianity and Buddhism. These have been chosen because they are quite different (there is no God in Buddhism) and students seldom get confused between the two.

Four themes are also studied that look at a range of ethical issues in depth.

50% Religion

Christianity

- Beliefs
- Practices

Buddhism

- Beliefs
- Practices

50% Ethical Studies

- Relationships and families (gender equality, marriage, divorce)
- Religion and Life (abortion, euthanasia, origins of the world)
- Religion, Crime and Punishment (forgiveness, the death penalty)
 - Human rights and justice (discrimination, disability and poverty)

Structure of the course

Specification: AQA Religious Studies A

Please find the order of study below. Careful consideration has been given to the order in which the themes are taught. Issues such as abortion and euthanasia are taught in Year 11.

Year 10:

- Relationships and Family
- Christian beliefs
- Crime and Punishment
- Buddhist beliefs
- Human Rights and Social Justice

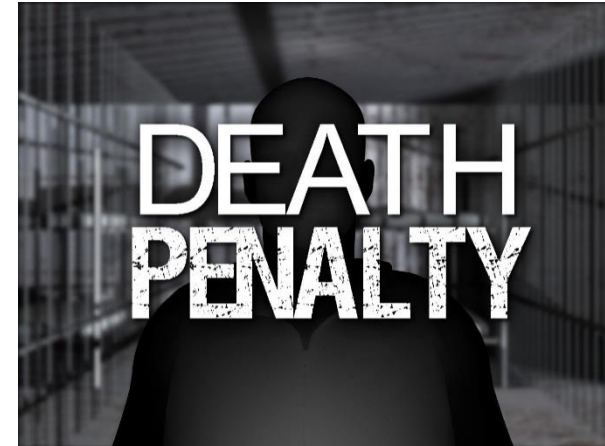


Year 11:

- Christian Practices
- Religion and Life issues
- Buddhist Practices
- Revision

Exams will be taken in May 2024

Head of Subject: Sarah Peachey email: speachey@nsg.northants.sch.uk



Methods of study and assessment

Methods of Study

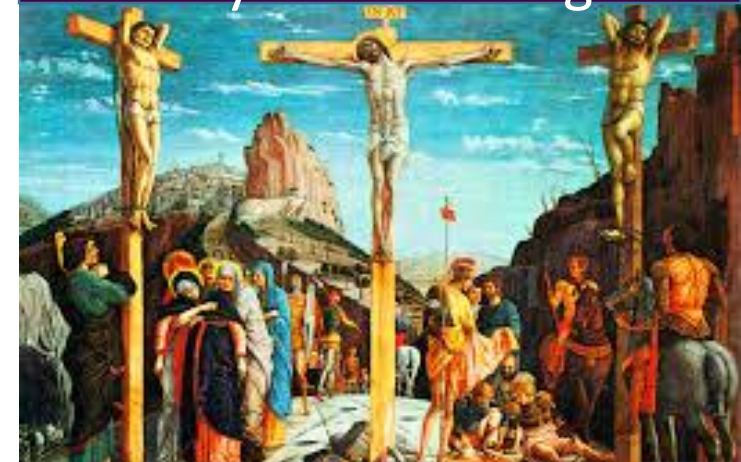
- Debates
- Discussions
- Film/Video clips
- Note taking

Assessment

- 100% exam based with a 12 mark essay question.



Should people be allowed to end their own life if they are suffering?



Was Jesus a man or did He come back to life?

What our students say

“I really enjoy EP because it provides a wonderful environment to express my opinions and it has allowed me to form well thought out arguments for a variety of different topics even in a short time!” Maria Augustine (Year 11)

“EP is such an exhilarating and fascinating topic to do at GCSE. You will learn about many issues that go on in the world and about many different religions. I would recommend EP to everyone, you will learn so much and will be taught by some incredible and inspiring teachers.” Dottie Fennelly-Hunt (Year 11)

“I would recommend EP to anyone that enjoys discussing a range of moral issues and have an interest in debating and sharing their beliefs and views” Minh Miagen (Year 11)

“Ep is one of my favourite GCSE subjects as it allows me to explore social issues and form opinions myself. I would defiantly recommend it if you like debating and learning about the issues of modern society. It also allows you to have a better understanding of the world of today.” Ella Gunton
(Year 12)

What our students say

“I enjoyed E.P in year 7,8 and 9 so I decided to pick it as a GCSE. Once we started the topics I learnt many new things that I knew of but hadn't really explored them and E.P has helped me do that. There has been topics such as racism, love (homosexual and heterosexual), families, crime, poverty + health, gender equality, discrimination and prejudice. There are many more things but I'd be sat here listing for ages. I'm really happy with the choice I've made and I'd recommend E.P to anyone. It's really fun and educates you on many topics that you can agree or disagree on - it's also nice to have class debates and then finally agree to disagree.” Hamidah Nalubega
(Year 11)

Any further questions?

- Ask your EP teacher.
- Contact Miss Peachey, Mr Bassi or Mrs Smith.
- Discuss the topic at parent's evening.
- Talk to some of our past or present GCSE students.

