

Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies

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The course aims to encourage pupils to consider issues, concepts and questions in order to challenge their own opinions and beliefs. They will develop skills in questioning, debating and critical thinking, as well as developing a deeper understanding, tolerance and acceptance of various religious and philosophical beliefs and practices.

The three topics covered are:

Big Questions such as the origins of the universe or the problem of evil and suffering

A Moral Issue such as medical ethics (organ donation, euthanasia) or morality and conflict (morality of war and religious and secular responses to issues raised)

A World Religion such as Islam, Judaism or Hinduism.

Senior Phase

Progression in RMPS is available at N3/4/5 and Higher. At all levels, the course is divided into three units, with topic choices in each section:

Morality and Belief

Religious and Philosophical Questions

World Religion

At N4/5 and Higher, students also have to complete an assignment which forms a component of the final grade.

Throughout the course key transferable skills are developed eg analysis and evaluation of different viewpoints, research, and using evidence to reason arguments.

These key transferable skills are valued in a range of careers or students may wish to go on to further study or specialised careers within this sector.

Find out more about this qualification on the [Scottish Qualification Authority](https://www.sqa.gov.uk/) website.