

**DEPARTMENT****RMPS****TITLE OF COURSE****RMPS****LEVEL****Higher****RECOMMENDED ENTRY LEVELS****National 5 in RMPS or a social subject at A or B, S6 should have a pass in Higher English****Why Study RMPS?**

Undertaking RMPS contributes to learners understanding of the society in which they live and work by helping them learn about, and from, religious beliefs, non-religious viewpoints and their own experiences. In addition RMPS develops skills in critical thinking and develops tolerance and open-mindedness. This course offers pupils the option to study topics that are both engaging and at times a cause of controversy. It will be a challenge to pupils both intellectually and personally, and will help them develop key skills in the analysis and evaluation of sources and arguments, as well as providing personal opinions with sound justification. An important aspect of this course is developing the ability to see and assess arguments from another person's perspective.

**COURSE CONTENT:****World Religions**

Judaism - Different aspects of one of the main world religions including, beliefs, practices and sources. We will be discussing the key questions such as: What does it mean to be human? What do the followers want to achieve in life? How do they go about achieving their goals?

**Morality in the Modern World**

Religion & Justice - In this unit, learners develop the knowledge and skills necessary to understand theories about the relationship between religion and moral values, and some of the guiding philosophical principles an individual might use when making moral decisions. Different perspectives on crime and punishment will be studied on these issues including Utilitarianism and Moral Relativism.

**Science & Religion**

Existence of God - Students will critically analyse philosophical questions and responses, regarding proof for the existence of God, and understand contemporary relationships between belief and scientific theory.

**METHODOLOGY:**

During the course, you will develop the skills gained in the S3/4 and N5 course. You will participate in class discussion and debate. There will be opportunities to use ICT to enhance learning.

**ASSESSMENT:**

Learners will complete end of unit assessments in each of the three units. There is also a Higher Assignment worth 33% of the grade and an external exam lasting 2 hours 15 minutes.