

## **S3 and S4 CORE RMPS**

### **Why we do RMPS?**

RMPS (Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies) is an important academic subject which delivers a broad range of vital skills which will benefit learners in all subjects, and also in the important decisions in daily life into adulthood. Learners look out onto a broad variety of interpretations of human experience from Scotland and beyond as well looking in at the development of their own character. Learners will tackle important moral, religious and philosophical questions. Encouraging the use of critical thinking skills, constructions of arguments, questioning ideas and debating - skills that are essential in learning, life and employment. It is expected that all learners will complete two National 3/4 level units in S3 which will allow them to go on to complete the other two to gain an extra qualification at the end of S4.

### **What does the course involve?**

Students will:

- reflect upon current big moral issues and topics which involve religion or religious belief.
- explore both religious and non-religious viewpoints on the topic, whilst developing and reflecting upon their own personal beliefs and values.
- carry out active engagement with their local community by putting their own values into action. (e.g. volunteering, charity work)

### **How is your work assessed?**

Work will be assessed through a variety of different methods both formal and informal. These include end of unit assessments; individual assignments; participation in debates; participation in group work.

### **Homework in this course**

Homework will be given at various stages throughout the course in order to assess progress.

### **Possible pathways in the Senior Phase**

In S4 you will continue with the National course by studying a world religion – Buddhism and explore the philosophical question of the Existence of God.