

# PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

## CURRICULUM INTENT

“An unexamined life is not worth living.”

Plato

Within Philosophy and Ethics, we present students with a broad understanding of the philosophical and ethical beliefs which form the very building blocks of our society.

We are aware that our students bring with them a wide-range of preconceived notions. Thus, as a department, we challenge existing worldviews within a safe and secure learning environment and rid students of misconceptions or harmful stereotypes that may hinder their development as global citizens. At the same time we ensure all views are heard and responded to in a respectful manner.

Philosophy and Ethics instils students with the skills needed to sensitively and effectively cooperate with the world around them, immersing students in beliefs and ways of life which are varying and diverse by:

- Thinking critically about information presented to them
- Robustly challenging false and harmful preconceptions about people of other faiths and none
- Introducing fundamental ways in which the most important ethical dilemmas can be approached
- Providing students with the skills needed to grapple with life's big questions
- Developing subject knowledge through a variety of enrichment activities