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Principal: P. Swatton, B.Eng (Hons)

Dear Parents/Guardians

You may have noticed this year that your child now has 'Worldview Studies' scheduled into their timetable, in replacement of 'Religious Studies'. Due to the changing nature of the subject and national advice, we decided to adopt this name change in order to reflect the new schemes of work the pupils now cover within the subject.

Some key changes have been made to the subject, and in light of current global events, we feel more than ever it is our duty to educate pupils in diversity, empathy and the ability to develop their own personal, informed opinions. With this in mind, we have created schemes of work that not only include religious beliefs, but also non-religious beliefs, philosophy, ethics and current events.

The key aims of the subject are;

- Philosophy and ethics; explore challenging questions about what it means to be human, the ultimate meaning and purpose of life, issues of right and wrong, the nature of reality, beliefs about God and non-religious worldviews.
- Religion; embed a knowledge and understanding of religious beliefs, concepts, teachings, practices, expression and the influence of religion on individuals, families, societies and cultures.
- Academic skills; targeted development of reflection, analysis, interpretation and evaluation. Cross-curricular skills developed through extended writing.
- Human development; develop the ability for personal reflection, spiritual development and a sense of identity and belonging, which enables them to flourish individually within their communities and as global citizens. Prepare for the challenges and responsibilities of adult life, employment and life-long learning.
- Empathy; develop respect and sensitivity to others, combat prejudice, racism and discrimination.

We are pleased to report that the department achieved excellent results in the Summer GCSE exam, which the entire Year 10 cohort were entered into, with 69% of pupils achieving a 9-4 grade, and 32% of pupils achieving a 9-7 grade.

With the GCSE becoming an option, I wished to clarify that if your child does not opt to take the GCSE in Years 10 and 11, they will still receive their statutory entitlement for the subject through a 'Core' course, as it remains a compulsory and statutory part of the national curriculum.

For further details of what pupils now cover in the subject, please see the Curriculum part of our website, where you can also find a copy of our department handbook.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Lambert', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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