



Queen Mary's College

FAQs – Philosophy, Religion and Ethics

Q: *I'm not religious; can I still do Philosophy, Religion and Ethics?*

A: Absolutely. Our students hold a wide range of religious beliefs, and none. This makes for excellent class discussions!

Q: *What careers and/or degrees can Philosophy, Religion and Ethics lead to?*

A: PRE teaches a big range of very transferable skills: communication, analysis/problem solving, evaluation and empathy. These open a very wide range of degrees and careers. To give just an initial sample, students with a PRE background might go on to become teachers, conflict resolvers, religious leaders, civil servants, aid workers or police officers.

Q: *I haven't done GCSE RS, is that a problem?*

A: No. We don't require RS at GCSE, and you won't be the only one not to have studied it at school.

Q: *Why don't you do 'pure Philosophy' at QMC?*

A: Our students didn't like it; they very much prefer our Philosophy, Religion and Ethics course.

Q: *I'm not very good at writing essays but love debating/discussing; is this okay?*

A: We will work with you to hugely improve your writing skills... as long as you don't mind doing lots of practice!

Q: *Why do you do Buddhism; isn't Christianity easier?*

A: Many of our students prefer learning about Buddhism for the very reason that it isn't a religion that they have had to learn about before. It also gives them new ideas to explore from a very different perspective.

Q: *Is the course actually interesting?*

A: Does God exist? How should we live our lives? These are the huge questions you'll study in class, and find yourself hooked on for the rest of the day too!