



The Divinity Department

Based in the Humanities block (the Clapham Building) the Divinity Department offers opportunity for thought provoking and intellectual debate at The Leys. All pupils in Years 7-9 receive weekly Religious Studies classes. For both GCSE and A level we often have two groups taking these courses as this is a popular option amongst pupils who are keen to delve into the world of Philosophy, Ethics and New Testament Studies. Academic results are strong with 79% of pupils achieving 9-7 in recent years at GCSE and an excellent 100% A*-B grades in 2023 at A Level. We regular prepare pupils for Oxbridge applications in either Theology or Philosophy. The department aims to make pupils theologically literate as well as providing an environment where they can feel secure about exploring beliefs (or lack of them) and their implications for today's world. It has a good record at helping candidates across the ability range to achieve their potential.

The successful candidate will join a close knit and supportive department which consists of 4 members off staff, the Head of Department, the School Chaplain, the Director of Pastoral Care and a part time teacher. Although very aware of our Methodist background the department is a 'broad church' and welcomes people of all faiths and none.

The successful candidate will be able to provide high quality teaching across the full curriculum. Pupils are currently provided with individual devices in Years 7-11, and the successful candidate should be able to provide lessons using technology in a meaningful way.

Subject Focus by Year

Year 7: Introduction to characters in the Bible.

Year 8: Eastern religions & identity

Year 9: Introduction to Philosophical dilemmas and modern ethical challenges; Love & Forgiveness; Social Cohesion

Years 10&11: EdExcel GCSE Religious Studies - Beliefs in Action. We teach specification B which involves Religion and Ethics through Christianity and Peace and Conflict through Islam

Lower and Upper Sixth: EdExcel - Philosophy of Religion, Religious Ethics and the New Testament

We are a creative department and it is hoped that the successful candidate will seek to contribute creativity to our classroom practice and schemes of work thereby ensuring our courses remain current and relevant to our pupils.

Candidates will also have an opportunity to contribute to the pastoral and wider curricular areas of school life.