



## **THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY**

In Year 9, students follow an introductory course in Theology and Philosophy. From Year 10 to the end of Year 11, boys may choose to study a GCSE in Philosophy and Ethics, examined at the end of Year 11.

## **RELIGIOUS STUDIES GCSE – PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS**

At Bedford, students take the AQA Religious Studies Specification A (Full course) in Ethics and Philosophy of Religion. Assessment is by final examination of two 1 hour 30 minute written papers taken at the end of Year 11. There is no coursework.

The Ethics paper contains the following ethical issues:

- The Right to Life - Abortion Euthanasia
- The Use of Medical Technology - Fertility Treatments, Gene Therapy and Genetic Engineering, Cloning
- Personal Responsibility - Sexual Relationships, Drugs
- Social Responsibility- Marriage, Prejudice and Discrimination
- Global Concerns - The Environment, World Poverty, Conflict War and Peace, Crime and Punishment

The Philosophy of Religion paper covers the following topics:

- The Existence of God
- The Characteristics of God
- Revelation and Enlightenment
- The Problem of Evil
- The Compatibility of Science and Religion
- The Afterlife