**Higher Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies**

The course assessment has three components.

* **Component 1:** world religion and morality and belief
* **Component 2:** question paper 2 — religious and philosophical questions
* **Component 3:** assignment

**Internal assessment**

Students are required to write essays demonstrating knowledge and providing analysis and evaluation. End of unit assessments and summaries will also be part of this course to facilitate revisions skills and to provide formative assessments to improve progress.

**Course content**

**World religion - Buddhism**

Developing in-depth knowledge and understanding of the impact and significance of Buddhism today. Studying key beliefs and practices of Buddhism and the contribution this makes to the lives of followers.

**Morality and belief - Justice**

Developing skills to evaluate and express detailed, reasoned and well-structured views about issues relating to justice. Applying both religious and non-religious points of view to this issue.

**Religious and philosophical questions - Origins**

Candidates develop skills to critically analyse religious and philosophical questions and responses on the origins of the universe and life. Applying both religious and non-religious points of view to this issue.

**External assessment**

There are 2 exam papers:

**Paper 1;** World Religion and Morality and belief - 2 hours and 15 minutes to complete this question paper.[60 marks]

**Paper 2;** Religious, moral and philosophical questions - 45 minutes to complete this question paper. [20 marks]

**The assignment:** researched and prepared in their own time (based on a question of their own choosing, related to the course and written up under exam condition in 1 hour 30 minutes. [30 marks]

Total of 110 marks for the course assessment.

**HOMEWORK**

Extension of class based assignments, essays and source answers and historical research for the externally marked assignment. 2 hours a week on average.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS -** National 5 pass in RMPS or any other Humanities subject or English