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Heaven?

LIVE Event for students of GCSE Religious Studies
With Dr Peter Vardy

Dates for 2023-24

- London, Thursday 30th November
- Coventry, Tuesday 27th February
- Manchester, Tuesday 5th March
- Somerset, Thursday 14th March





Dr. Peter Vardy was Vice Principal of Heythrop College, University of London (1999-2011); he is internationally well-known as a leader in the fields of Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics and Values Education. Peter's many books – including the best-selling "Puzzle of" series for HarperCollins – demonstrate his ability to communicate complex ideas with clarity, accuracy and humour. For more than three decades schools and colleges have looked to Peter to provide outstanding conferences, resources and CPD / INSET, both to support their work in RS and Philosophy and more broadly.

Did you know? Peter was awarded an honorary doctorate for his work in promoting Religious Studies in schools by the University of Chichester in 2021.



"Dr Vardy and Charlotte never disappoint, both deliver content with passion and are the experts in the field. Students found the conference to be intellectually challenging and important to their A Level studies." Teacher, 2020

"They are really excellent conferences- clear, coherent and extending talks upon all subjects linked with courses. A must for aspirational sixth formers." Save RE Facebook Comment

Building on the success of "Rights and Wrongs" in 2022-23, Candle Conferences presents an all-new LIVE event for students of GCSE Religious Studies.

"Heaven?" will explore content specified by ALL ENGLISH EXAMINATION BOARDS in relation to the study of Christianity and Ethics, aiming to get students really excited about the subject, enriching and extending their knowledge and understanding as well as supporting them in analysing, evaluating and making informed, well-reasoned academic judgements.

- Tickets to the live event come with FREE access to our GCSE Masterclass for the academic year 2022-23 (worth £5 per student) and providing more than 2 hours of expert online tuition designed to improve writing skills and improve grades.

1. The Concept of God

The event will begin by exploring the Christian concept of God, considering the various attributes God is believed to have, the extent to which some of these might seem to conflict and the extent to which the Doctrine of the Trinity helps to make sense of God's nature.

This session will conclude with a practical activity, enabling students to apply what they have learned.

2. The Problem of Evil and Suffering

After a short break, the second session will consider how God can be both Omnipotent and Omnibenevolent given the extent of evil and suffering in the world. A solution to this problem found in the Book of Job will then be explained and evaluated.

This session will conclude with a discussion.

3. Sin & Salvation

In the third session we will explore Christian beliefs about sin and salvation in more detail with reference to the ideas of St Paul and St Augustine. Dr Vardy will consider whether all the evil and suffering in the world can really be said to result from sin and whether the salvation God offers ensures that this is the best possible world.

This session will conclude with an activity designed to support students in answering mini-essay style questions.

4. Life After Death & Debate "This house believes that all good people will go to heaven."

The final session of the day will move to Christian teachings about Life after Death, asking what the afterlife would have to be like in order to punish sin adequately and make up for unjust suffering in this life.

Finally, we will have a debate. Dr Vardy will outline arguments for and against the motion and will guide students in developing their own arguments in writing, which they can then present to the group before a final vote is taken.

To Book

Student tickets to attend the LIVE "Heaven?" event cost £20

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