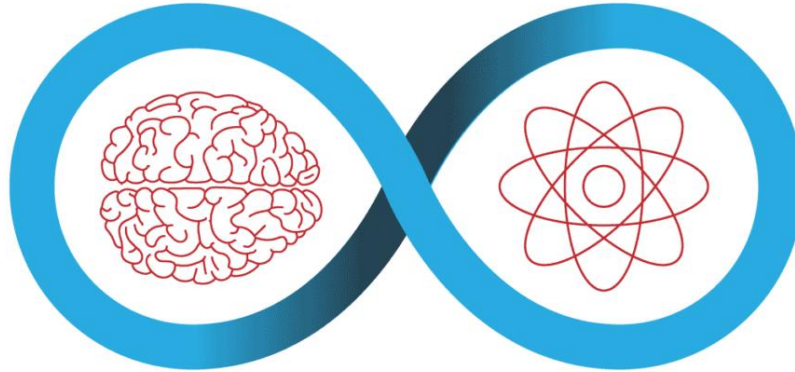


Upper 6 consider mind/body problem



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At Gateways we study A Level Philosophy. This is in contrast to most schools, even those that tell their pupils that their A Level is called Philosophy and Ethics, because their course is a Religious Studies A Level. The benefit of the philosophy course is that it enables us to study some of the deepest questions in life, not simply those that are entangled within religion.

Upper 6 have been considering the question of whether we are merely physical beings or whether we exist as a distinct mental substance: a mind. Philosophers such as Descartes argue that the mind is separate from the body and we are best understood as a non-physical 'thinking thing'. However, this raises what is known as the problem of interaction: how, if the mind and body are distinct substances, how do they interact with one another?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SJROTXnmus&t=186s>

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