

Street Epistemology



As part of this week's enrichment programme, the RS department have run an activity called street epistemology. Epistemology is the branch of philosophy concerned with knowledge and street epistemology is an initiative introduced by an American philosopher called Peter Boghossian intended as a way to help people develop the skills to reflect on the quality of their reasoning and their confidence in their beliefs about what is true.

Engaging in this type of activity gives you tools to discuss the most difficult topics that mean a lot to you and the people around you and helps you to better understand the views of others as well as your own.

As part of this we reflected on what it means to believe something, what it means for a belief to be true, and what would justify holding a belief. The pupils engaged extremely maturely and enthusiastically and it was great to see them think deeply about the positions they hold and how to hold constructive discussions with people who hold opposing views which is so crucial for the GCSE RS and A Level Philosophy courses, as well as an important life skill. This activity is being integrated into the RS curriculum to give opportunities to continue developing these skills.

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