

Commonweal School's Making May Matter event

On the afternoon of Friday 13th May, the RE Department put on their very own Question Time in the C6 auditorium. Mr Battye took up the role of David Dimbleby with great skill, fielding questions that were posed by year 11 Philosophy and Ethics students to an invited panel. The panel represented a variety of different views answering questions on ethical and philosophical issues from the GCSE course, to allow students to see differing religious and secular views in action. On the invited panel were Rev'd Simon Stevenette from Christ Church in Old Town, Fidelma Meehan representing the Baha'i faith and our own teachers Mr Elsley, a Buddhist and Mr Drew, a Materialist/ Naturalist.

The questions, on a wide variety of topics including 'When does life begin?' to the proposal of the reintroduction of the death penalty, sparked a fascinating debate and demonstrated differing opinions from opposing world views which can also, as we found out, be in agreement.

As a tool for revision for the year 11's, the panel raised some excellent points which certainly gave the students food for thought, bringing skills needed for showing knowledge and understanding in the upcoming exam to life.

Mrs Bracher and the RE department would like to thank the panel for their involvement, giving up their time to provide a brilliant afternoon of philosophical and ethical debate.



