

# WHY STUDY RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

Investigate ultimate questions such as "why does evil exist?" and "what is the purpose of life?"

Study topics that explain the diversity of life and religion in the modern world

Improve philosophical thinking skills and the ability to think outside of the box

Understand contemporary ethical and religious issues such as medical ethics and religious fundamentalism

Develop communication skills and learn to clearly express your views and increase your self-confidence

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES COMPLEMENTS OTHER SUBJECTS



### ART

An understanding of religious ideas, symbols and concepts is crucial to a good understanding of art



### PHILOSOPHY

Religious questions are often deeply philosophical and can serve to improve the critical thinking skills necessary for philosophy



### ENGLISH

A knowledge of religious ideas, concepts and symbols is crucial to the study of literature



### PSYCHOLOGY

Religious Studies promotes deeper thought and analysis of broader issues such as "Do humans have an in-built need for a divine being?"



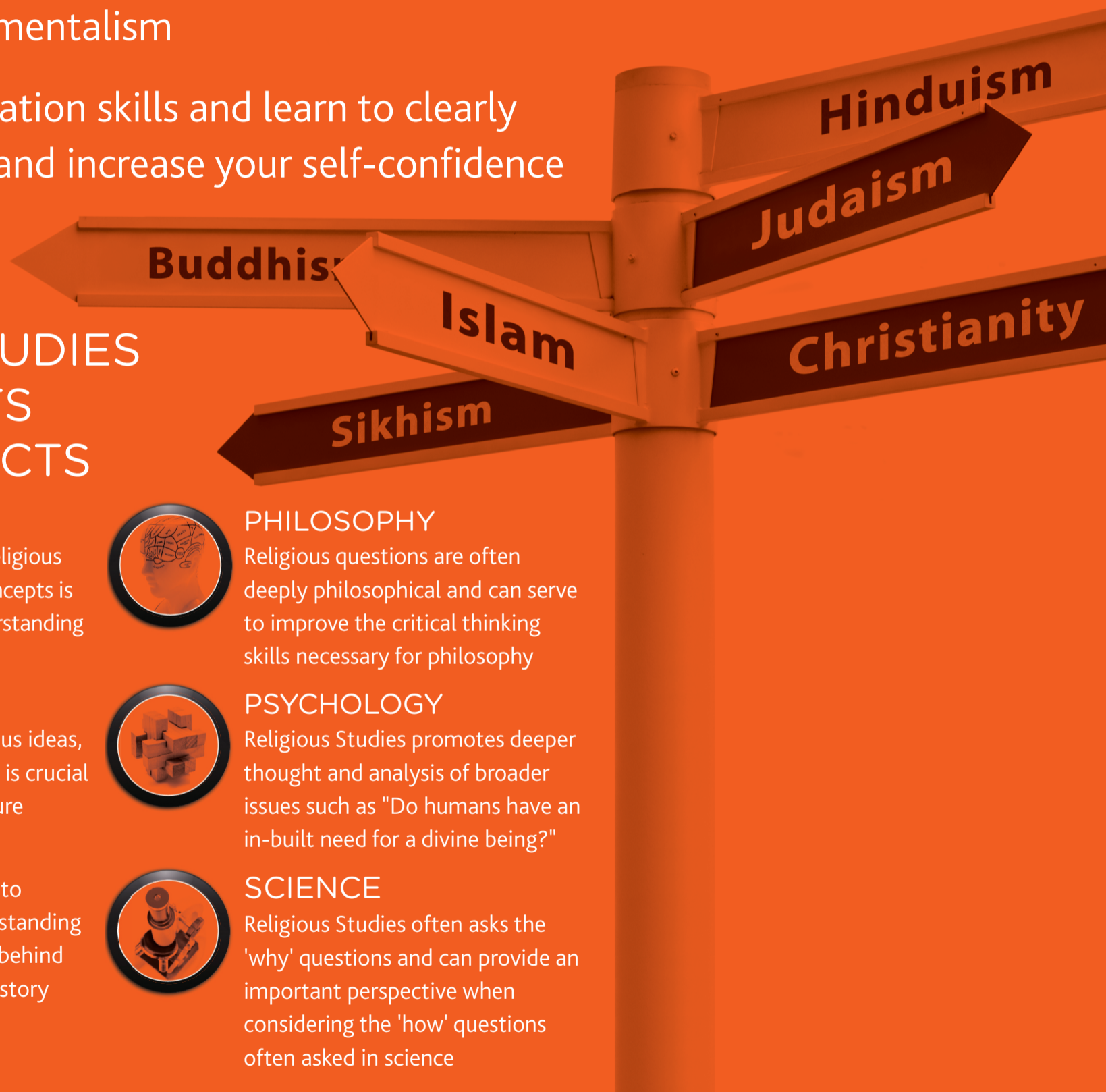
### HISTORY

Religious Studies help to develop greater understanding of the religious issues behind important events in history



### SCIENCE

Religious Studies often asks the 'why' questions and can provide an important perspective when considering the 'how' questions often asked in science



THE RUSSELL GROUP OF TOP UNIVERSITIES HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT RELIGIOUS STUDIES PROVIDES 'SUITABLE PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY' AND OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE INCLUDE IT IN THEIR TOP LEVEL LIST OF 'SUITABLE ARTS A LEVELS'.