

This course will involve you in the study of philosophical and ethical issues and reflection on religious perspectives.



Are you interested in:

- questions, ideas and arguments
- evaluating arguments
- developing and supporting your view point

Leading to a career in:

- Law
- Medicine
- Media
- Communications
- the caring professions
- Research

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Exam Board: AQA

A-level

Year 1

1. **Philosophy & Ethics** - Topics studied include religious experiences, arguments for and against the existence of God, ethical theories and issues of life and death.
2. **Christianity** - Topics studied include good moral conduct, beliefs about God and religious expressions.

Year 2

1. **Philosophy & Ethics** – Topics studied include religious language, miracles, self, death and the afterlife, further ethical theories and freewill (additionally to those studied in year 1).
2. **Christianity** – Topics studied include gender and sexuality and the challenge of secularisation.

Assessment

100% examination

Students will be expected to sit only internal exams at the end of year 1 and the whole A-level grade will be based on the exams sat at the end of year 2.

Whilst the content of this subject at A-level is stimulating in its own right, the skills developed are varied and important.

- Literary analysis
- Evaluating arguments
- Developing and defending viewpoints
- Critical reading
- Understanding the historical context
- Essay writing
- Working with abstract concepts

Teaching methods include questions, discussion, group work, presentations, listening to radio programmes, watching videos, and reading articles.

The Staff

There are three members of staff in the department who currently teach A-level Religion, Philosophy and Ethics. This is important because it means you will have at least two fully qualified teachers, not just one, for your A-level who can offer more support and guidance.

The Resources

The department is well stocked. We have text books and revision guides which we lend out to students so that you do not have to purchase texts – although it is necessary to purchase texts if you would like to annotate your copy. In addition to this, we supply revision worksheets and mind maps to assist with revision.

Also, we can supply additional textbooks which cover the content for both years of the course if students request them or need them; in that case we would make them available. These texts are AQA approved and outline the key ideas being covered on the course in a more concise and accessible format.

The Opportunities

We offer students the opportunity to attend conferences dedicated to A-level Religion, Philosophy and Ethics, this enables them to hear excellent speakers in this field.

The Department takes every opportunity to encourage you to enjoy the subject and uses lots of interactive learning opportunities to facilitate this. Debates are an important part of the subject and allows students to exchange ideas and understand the key concepts being studied.



Students express their interest and enjoyment in studying this course.

"My eyes have been opened! I did not realise how many important questions there are, let alone how many answers! I feel as if my education has been broadened and deepened by this study."

"This is the most interesting course. I liked R.S. at GCSE level; I love this subject now!"

"As there are lots of opportunities for discussion, I feel as if I too am joining the pages of the history of philosophy!"