

**A LEVEL**  
**PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS AND**  
**RELIGION**



# WHY CHOOSE PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS AND RELIGION?

Philosophy, Ethics and Religion is about people and their questions. The subject gets to grips with people's real lives, what they believe and what makes them act as they do. It is also about societies and cultures often very different from your own, and how these have evolved over time. Philosophy, Ethics and Religion will appeal to you if you are enthusiastic and thoughtful enough to want to understand the deeply held convictions of others and to examine your own prejudices, assumptions and beliefs. You will be able to study what different thinkers have said on these questions, as well as studying a world faith in depth. You will be able to engage in lively discussion and form your own judgements.

The course also helps you to think critically: a crucial life skill also important in employment. Philosophy, Ethics and Religion is open both to those with any kind of religious belief and to those with none. Our staff have examined for both OCR and Eduqas examination boards

## OUR APPROACH TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

We will use a whole host of cooperative and independent learning methods to assist your learning and help you to retain knowledge in your long-term memory. Sometimes you will be listening to a teacher explaining an idea; sometimes you will be taking notes. There is a good deal of discussion together and plenty of resources are available to support this course, which can be easily accessed through Moodle. Workshop time outside the classroom is also used to support and further develop student progress in this subject. We aim to help you to enjoy the subject develop your study skills. Our students love thinking, debating and writing about issues such as these.

Our staff are enthusiastic experts who are also examiners.

We have a flexible teaching approach but understand the need to complete homework, respect deadlines and set high standards.

We use high-quality learning materials including revision materials which our students value highly.

## PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You can go on to do degree courses in Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, Theology, Philosophy, or Oriental Studies which make direct use of the subject content. However, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion A Level is also a good background for a vast range of other degree courses and jobs.

The thinking skills it encourages are easily transferable to other subjects and a qualification in this subject is valuable in teaching, journalism, medicine and any other area where you come across people and their ideas.



## A LEVEL ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed by three written examinations in the summer of year 2.

**Paper 1 - Islam**

**Paper 2 – Philosophy of Religion**

**Paper 3 – Religious Ethics**

Written exam: 2 hours per paper.

Each paper requires 2 part a questions and 2 part b questions to be answered.

Part (a) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief. Part (b) of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

The content of the course builds upon the work studied in year 1 with the addition of the topics of free will and determinism and religious language.

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Year 1 of the A Level course:

## **Component 1 – Islam**

Looking at the key beliefs of the religion, including celebrations. The history of Islam and practices in society today that shape identity.

## **Component 2 – Philosophy of Religion**

This component looks at religious experience, arguments for the existence of God and the problem of evil.

## **Component 3 – Religious Ethics**

This component looks at different approaches to resolving ethical issues including, euthanasia, abortion and animal rights.

Year 2 of the A Level course:

## **Component 1 – Islam**

The role of women and the family, Islam in the media and shari'a law.

## **Component 2 – Philosophy of Religion**

The challenge of atheism and psychological views of religion. The validity of Religious experience.

## **Component 3 – Religious Ethics**

Free will and determinism and the debate concerning moral responsibility.

# ENTRY AND SKILL REQUIREMENT

## **What are the entry requirements for A Level Philosophy, Ethics and Religion?**

A GCSE score of 4 in English Language

General course entry requirements in line with the College policy.

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