



ETHICS AND PHILOSOPHY

OCR A level in Religious Studies (H573)

Overview

We are a very successful department consistently scoring above the national average at A- level. This year we achieved ALPS 4 with 80% of our students getting A-C grades. Under normal circumstances, we offer a range of trips including the annual Rome trip. Philosophy and Ethics gives Students a range of knowledge and understanding of key concepts, key thinkers, themes, texts and ways of thinking. It also draws light on key moral issues which remain incredibly important to this day, such as Euthanasia, Business and sexual ethics.

Subject specific requirements

You will need to have achieved grade 5 or better in RE and in English Language or Literature as students will need to show that they can form critical and cogent arguments.

Course outline

The end of course exam will be made up of 40-mark questions (they must answer three from four options) in each of

Component 1 Philosophy	Component 2 Ethics	Component 3 Developments in Christian thought
120 marks 2 hour written paper 33.3% of total A level	120 marks 2 hour written paper 33.3% of total A level	120 marks 2 hour written paper 33.3% of total A level
<u>Learners will study:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient philosophical influences • The nature of the soul, mind and body • Arguments about the existence or non-existence of God • The nature and impact of religious experience • The challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil • Ideas about the nature of God • Issues in religious language. 	<u>Learners will study:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normative ethical theories • The application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance • Ethical language and thought • Debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience • Sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs 	<u>Learners will study:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world • Sources of religious wisdom and authority • Practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition • Significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought • Key themes related to the relationship between religion and society

the three components.

What you can do with an A Level in Ethics and Philosophy (Religious Studies):

- ✓ Use it to study a related degree at University for example Law, teaching, Business, Finance, Social Work, Politics, Management, Administration, Public Relations, Sales and Marketing among others.