

Philosophy and Ethics

A-Level

Exam Board: OCR 



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

6+

in religious studies (history / geography considered if you did not study religion)

5+

In GCSE English Literature or language

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Do you ponder the meaning of life? Why there is something instead of nothing? Why is good and bad dependent on where you are? Philosophy and ethics not only helps you to understand subject knowledge but gives you skills which you will need in everyday life. We learn how to argue constructively, think independently and challenge our own and others views which are important skills required at university and in most career paths. This course will provide you with excellent foundations to move into a variety of fields. The skills developed in Philosophy of analysing and evaluating different points of view, arguments and theories, are invaluable both at university and in the work place. You will develop these critical thinking skills through a plethora of relevant and contemporary issues. This could lead on to such university courses as: Philosophy, Sociology, Psychology or Media, or could take you into the fields of work in Journalism, Law, International Relations, Medicine or Philosophy itself. Classes have historically performed very well and students have enjoyed their time on the course.



TOPICS/UNITS/MODULES

Skills Learnt

Component 1: Philosophy of religion-

Including: ancient philosophical influences, the nature of the soul, mind and body, arguments about the existence or non-existence of God, the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil, ideas about the nature of God

- Critical thinking
- Argument Construction
- Philosophical analysis

Component 2: Religion and ethics-

Including: ethical language and thought, debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience, sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs.

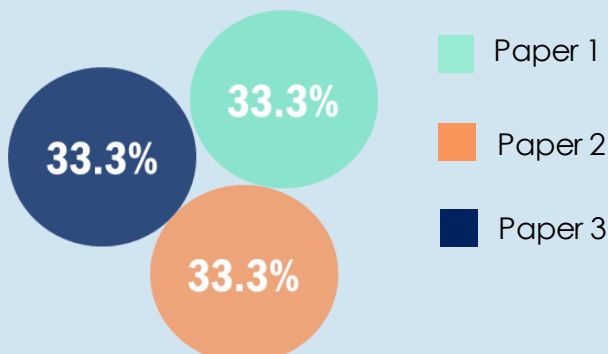
- Ethical reasoning
- Debating Skills
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity

Component 3: Developments in religious thought (Christianity).

Including: religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world sources of religious wisdom and authority

- Research and interpretation
- Communication and articulation
- Reflection and self-awareness

EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT



Careers

- Ethicist
- Legal professions
- Journalist/Writer
- Clergy/Religious Leader
- Human Rights Advocate
- Public Relations Specialist
- Criminal Justice Professional
- Philosophical Counsellor
- Academic Researcher