

SIXTH FORM SUBJECTS

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

COURSE TITLE

**A Level Philosophy and Ethics
(Religious Studies)**

AIMS OF THE COURSE

The course is designed to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the disciplines of ethics and philosophy of religion, as well as religious beliefs and teachings. You will develop your skills of critical analysis in order to construct balanced, informed arguments and responses. The course aims to engage you thoroughly and develop an interest in Philosophy and Ethics which extends to the world around you.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

Philosophy of Religion

*Gods/gods/ultimate reality *Life after death *Existence of God *Evil *Religious experience *Body, mind and soul *Religious language *Challenge from science *Attributes of God *Psychology of religion

Religion and ethics

*Key moral principles *Religious identity *Ethical theories *Euthanasia *Business ethics *Sexual ethics and sexual identity *Meta ethics *Free will and moral responsibility *Conscience

Developments in Christian thought

*Human nature *Death and the afterlife *Sources of wisdom and authority *The person of Jesus *Gender and society *Secularism *Marxism *Pluralism

HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

There are three exams at the end of year two. Each exam is two hours in duration and consists of three essay questions.

WHAT WIDER SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP?

A study of Philosophy and Ethics will help you to develop knowledge and understanding about ultimate questions and current moral issues. The course is designed to help you develop an enquiring, critical and reflective approach appropriate to the specialist study of Philosophy and Ethics as well as transferable analytical skills of enquiry. It will enable you to reflect on, and develop, your own values, opinions and attitudes as well as enriching your appreciation of individuals and communities and how their beliefs have contributed to society.

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE OPTIONS FROM THE COURSE?

Philosophy and Ethics is considered a rigorous academic A Level and is highly regarded by Universities for the skills

you will have developed. Oxford and Cambridge put it in their 'top level' list of subjects. Following the course there are a variety of career opportunities that you could follow including: Law; accountancy; medicine; ethical issues in bio-engineering; commerce; industry; politics; research; business management; financial services; politics; journalism and media; social services; Civil Service; education.

KEY CONTACT

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