

**SUBJECT:** Philosophy and Ethics

**YEAR:** 12 & 13

**HEAD OF DOMAIN:** Mr McCarthy

**LEAD TEACHER:** Miss Harris

**GROUPING POLICY:** Mixed Options Group

**EXAM BOARD:** OCR

**SPECIFICATION LINK:** <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/>

### **COURSE CONTENT:**

Course content is divided into three sections:

#### **Philosophy of Religion**

- 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.

#### **Religious Ethics**

- 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.

#### **Developments in Religious Thought (Buddhism)**

- 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.

#### **What will homework look like?**

Various tasks, including preparation for class activities, planning and writing exam style responses, additional reading and research, consolidation of classwork and responding to feedback in order to improve work.

### What enrichment opportunities are available?

- Guest speakers;
- Conference (Philosophy / Ethics)

### ASSESSMENT

- Homework and exam style responses will be marked regularly;
- Folder checks carried out.

The A Level is assessed through 100% external examination.

There are three exams at the end of Year 13 which are all 2 hours long, each worth 33.3% of the final qualifications.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### How can I support my child in this subject?

- Encourage reading around topics taught;
- Discussion of topical, ethical and moral issues;
- Ensure attendance in lessons at school.

#### How can I support my child with exams?

- Revision timetable;
- Encourage a regular revision using a range of techniques.