

# PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

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# A LEVEL

Entry Requirements	RE GCSE Grade 5 English GCSE Grade 5 is desirable
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### **Brief introduction to subject:**

This is an exciting specification which enables students to: study the Theology, Philosophy of Religion and Ethics using various critical, analytical, evaluative approaches in all these areas.

### **Progression to Career/ University Courses:**

An 'A' Level in Philosophy equips you with many of the skills required for other disciplines such as Law, Psychology, Journalism, Public Relations (PR), the Medical/Caring Profession etc. A Philosophy qualification shows universities and employers that you have the ability to analyse, evaluate and be critical; and that you have a capacity for human insight, sufficient cultural appreciation and global awareness. Finally, some may use this qualification as a stepping stone for a vocation in Ministry; or to major in Philosophy and Ethics or Theology with the view of becoming an Academic.

### **Key Points:**

The key points of this specification are that:

- The course will be delivered over two years and assessed terminally at the end of the two years in three papers.
- While AS exams can still be offered, they will no longer count towards the final A2 Grade.
- Students can engage in the use of ICT to deliver presentations to the rest of the class.
- Students can engage in paired and group work.
- Students are able to set themselves targets to provide direction.
- Students develop analytical and evaluative skills essential for university.
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### **Paper 1 Philosophy of Religion**

Philosophical issues, questions and Schools of Thought

- Ancient Philosophy (Plato and Aristotle)
- Soul Mind and Body Debate
- Empiricism
- Rationalism
- Religious Experience
- Problem of Evil and Theodicy
- Nature of God
- Religious Language

### **Religion and Ethics 1**

Significant concepts in issues, theories and debates in religion and ethics

- Natural Law
  - Situation Ethics
  - Kantian Deontology
  - Utilitarianism
  - Meta-Ethics
- Applied Ethics:
- Business Ethics
  - Euthanasia
  - Conscience
  - Sexual Ethics

### **Paper 3: Theology**

Developments in religious thought which will include:

- Augustine on Human Nature
- Death and beyond
- Knowledge of God's Existence
- Christology
- Christian Moral Philosophy
- Applied Christian Moral Philosophy
- Pluralism in Theology
- Religious Pluralism in Society
- Gender in Theology
- Gender and Society
- Secularism
- Liberation Theology

### **Assessment:**

Three examinations each accounting for 33.3% of the Level 3 Qualification

### **Maximum Marks available:**

120 Marks in each paper

### **Information regarding Assessment:**

Exams will be through a set of evaluation questions through which Ao1 and AO2 skills will be evidenced and assessed.