



### Who is this course for?

This course is for any student who enjoys the idea of combining the study of religion with work in ethics and philosophy. We aim to provide you with detailed knowledge of at least two strands of religion (with emphasis on their conceptual/theoretical content); knowledge of key problems in the philosophical analysis of religious concepts; and knowledge of problems in theoretical and applied ethics.

### What could it lead to?

This A Level, is relevant to all BA and BSc degrees as it involves religions, history, politics, literature, sociology, science and ethics etc. Philosophy is popular with employers as it shows an ability to work with and understand other people, ideas, culture, opinions, ways of life etc.

### What is the course about?

A two year course with two components:

1. Philosophy of Religion and Ethics
2. Study of Religion and Dialogues

### How will I be assessed and what will I be studying?

**Unit 1: Philosophy of religion and Ethics.** This consists of two sections.

**Section A:** Arguments for the existence of God, Evil and suffering, Religious experience, Religious language, Miracles and Self and life after death.

**Section B:** Ethics and religion, Ethical theories, Issues of human life and death, Issues of animal life and death, Introduction to meta ethics, Free will and moral responsibility, Conscience, Bentham and Kant.

**Unit 2: Study of Religion and Dialogues.** This consists of three sections:

**Section A:** Sources of wisdom and authority, God/gods/ultimate reality, Self, death and the afterlife, Good conduct and key moral principles, Expression of religious identity, Religion, gender and sexuality, Religion and science, Religion and secularisation, Religion and religious pluralism.

**Section B:** The dialogue between philosophy of religion and religion.

**Section C:** The dialogue between ethical studies and religion.