

AQA PHILOSOPHY



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This subject provides students with the tools and information needed to skilfully consider some of fundamental questions about life and death. It tackles a range of challenging concepts and uses analytical and logical skill and knowledge to attempt to answer these questions.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 12

EPISTEMOLOGY: What is knowledge?, perception as a source of knowledge, reason as a source of knowledge, the limits of knowledge

MORAL PHILOSOPHY: Utilitarianism, Kantian Ethics, Aristotelian Virtue Ethics, Applied Ethics, Meta-Ethics

Year 13

METAPHYSICS OF GOD: The concept and nature of God, Arguments for the Existence of God, The Problem of Evil, Religious Language

METAPHYSICS OF MIND: What do we mean by mind?, dualist theories, physicalist theories, functionalism

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through two 3 hour papers – one assessing the topics from yr12, and one from yr13. Both are taken at the end of yr13.

Each paper contains a mix of shorter questions, requiring logic and precision and essay questions requiring analysis and evaluation

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

This course combines well with the full range of other subjects. It is often combined with subjects such as History, Politics and English, which share some analysis and evaluation skills. It also combines well with Maths and Physics, which share the skills of logic and precision. We recommend that students don't combine this course with EPT A Level as there is too high a level of overlap in content and may therefore limit choices at degree level.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 6 in both Maths and English Language at GCSE

PROGRESSION

As well as the obvious move on to a degree Philosophy this course provides a pathway to a large range of courses. Philosophy provides you with the skills of logic, analysis and critical thinking that are invaluable in many subjects, along with a good grounding in note-taking and essay writing, with particular emphasis on evaluative skills and precision.

FUTURES

Philosophy is almost unique as a subject in that its skills are transferable to all areas. Any career that requires logical thinking, clear communication skills, a quick and lively mind will be well suited to a student of Philosophy. Some of the more traditional routes include: The legal profession, medicine, journalism, forensic science, psychology, teaching, police and politics. Also, companies such as Google and Microsoft are known to employ Philosophy Graduates because of their clear thinking

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