

Philosophy and Ethics



Exam Board OCR

Qualification GCE AS Level / GCE A Level

Entry Requirements GCSE RE at grade B and GCSE English at grade C

Content (Outline of Course)

There is a study of three components that make up the AS / A Level.

01 – The study of Philosophy of Religion. Topics include the arguments for and against the existence of God, religious experience and life after death.

02 – The study of Religion and Ethics. Topics include normative ethics, the application of theory to issues and ethical language.

03 – The study of developments in religious thought with a focus on Christianity. Topics include religious beliefs, values and teachings, sources of religious wisdom and authority and practices which shape and express religious identity.

Assessment

Each component at AS has an exam 1 hour long. Each is worth 33.3%.

At A2 the exam is 2 hours long. Each is worth 33.3%.

Throughout the year essays will be set and completed to support the practice of essays for the final exam.

Careers Guidance

Philosophy and Ethics are very popular subjects which complement the other areas students choose to study. Many students find that taking this subject supports the learning in other subjects and it can lead on to a variety of different careers.

It is recommended that you opt for Philosophy and Ethics if you are interested in studying the following courses at university: Sociology, Psychology, Law, Nursing, English, Medicine, Philosophy, History or Theology. There are many more courses to which this A Level can lead.