PCHS Curriculum Information

Course Title: A Level Philosophy and Ethics	Exam Board: AQA	Specification Code: 7062
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How will students be assessed?

This is a reformed A Level course and as such, students will complete two 180 minute exams at the end of year 13. Both exams are worth 50% of their final grade. There is no coursework.

The first exam is 'Philosophy of Religion and Ethics'. This will cover a range of classical philosophical questions, such as arguments for and against the existence of God, Evil and suffering, the nature of the self, death and the afterlife, and religious experience and authority. It will also include the major philosophical approaches to ethics and the nature of right and wrong, the concepts of free will and responsibility, sexual and gender identity, and equality and tolerance.

The second exam is 'Study of Religion and Dialogues', in which students will apply these wider philosophical and ethical theories to a major world religion; Hinduism, and consider how this faith tackles these issues in practise today. The dialogues section of the paper will focus on how the concepts of religion, philosophy and ethics inform and challenge one another.

KEY CONTENT

Half Term 1

Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

- Miracles
- Religious Language
- Self, Death and the Afterlife
- Meta-Ethics

Half Term 2

Philosophy of Religion and Ethics/ Study of Religion and Dialogues

- Conscience
- Free Will and Responsibility
- Bentham and Kant

Half Term 3

Study of Religion and Dialogues

- Hinduism, Gender and Sexuality
- Hinduism and Science

Half Term 4

Study of Religion and Dialogues

• Hinduism and the Challenge of Secularisation

Hinduism, Migration and Religious Pluralism

Half Term 5

- Study of Religion and Dialogues

 The Dialogue between Hinduism and Philosophy
 - The Dialogue between Hinduism and Ethics
 - Revision

Half Term 6 Exams