

PCHS Curriculum Information

Course Title: A Level Philosophy and Ethics	Exam Board: AQA	Specification Code: 7062
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 • Introduction to the Course and Paper 1 • Arguments for the Existence of God • Evil and Suffering
Half Term 2 • Evil and Suffering cont.. • Religious Experience • Normative Ethical Theories
Half Term 3 • Normative Ethical Theories cont.. • Application of Ethical Theories to Human and Non-human life

Half Term 4**Philosophy of Religion and Ethics/ Study of Religion and Dialogues**

- Introduction to Hinduism
- Ultimate Reality
- Self, death and the Afterlife

Half Term 5

- Sources of Wisdom and Authority
- Expressions of religious identity

Half Term 6**Study of Religion and Dialogues**

- Good conduct and moral principles
- Mock exam and Exam preparation