



Religious Studies: Philosophy and Ethics

Level 3: AS / A2

WJEC

PROGRAMME AIM: Our aim is to help the students develop a range a of skills including the ability to think philosophical and ethical issues through in a rational manner, to draw logical conclusions from the results of their research and to be able to communicate effectively through a variety of mediums. We aim to help our students enhance their research skills, their ability to justify their views, consider the implications of the theories they study and produce an well rounded learner who has the ability to think for themselves.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS / SUITABILITY: 5 GCSEs at A*-C. A Grade B / A or above in Religious Education and a Grade B or above in English. Students need good communication skills both verbally and through written essays. The course suits those with a passion for asking vital questions about the existence of all things and a healthy sense of curiosity. Students will be expected to analyse philosophical and ethical matters in groups and on their own.

CONTENT:

- Year 12 Unit 1: The Cosmological Argument
The Teleological Argument
Evil & Suffering
Religious Experience
- Year 12 Unit 2: Situation Ethics
Utilitarianism
Natural Law
Sexual Ethics
- Year 13 Unit 3: Faith And Reason
Religious Language
Freewill & Determinism
Religion & Science
- Year 13 Unit 4: Life, Death And Life After Death

LEADS TO:

Philosophy & Ethics is much sort after by universities be it that you study it as a lone subject or in combination with any other subject. A significant number of A2 students go on to study Theology or Philosophy at university. Careers vary from the Banking sector and the Armed Forces to the more vocational careers such as Teaching, the Medical profession and Social work. Some students have been employed in the Environmental sector with this qualification.

ASSESSED / EXAMINED:

Year 12 Unit 1: Introduction to The Philosophy Of Religion	External written exam (overall weighting: 25%)	75 mins	Summer 2015	Paper 1343 / 01
Year 12 Unit 2: Introduction To Religion And Ethics	External written exam (overall weighting: 25%)	75 mins	Summer 2015	Paper 1342 / 01
Year 13 Unit 3: Studies In Philosophy Of Religion	External written exam (overall weighting: 25%)	105 mins	June 2016	Paper 1348 / 03
Year 13 Unit 4: Religion And Human Experience				

Due to Government reforms the above course content and assessment structure is subject to change. You will be notified as soon as this information becomes available.