

RELIGIOUS STUDIES: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS GCSE

As part of the Philosophy and Ethics course, you will have the opportunity to develop your knowledge, skills and understanding of philosophical questions such as: Is there a God? Where did the world come from? What happens after death? We will be debating ethical issues such as abortion, euthanasia, the use of animals in scientific research, the morality of war and human sexuality. In examining these issues, we will be investigating many different viewpoints, as well as our own. This will include religious views, with a focus on the Christian perspective as one of many.

Through the study of the topics below, you will be encouraged to develop essential skills involved with debating and discussion technique, empathy, essay structure, leadership and teamwork. The course asks you to examine all issues from many different viewpoints, which is critical to the kind of analytical thinking that colleges and universities demand. These skills will also be invaluable in the world of work.

The course is made up of four units:

Ethics 1

Human relationships
Medical ethics
Poverty and wealth

Ethics 2

Peace and justice
Equality
The Media

Philosophy 1

Beliefs about God
Religious and Spiritual Experience
The End of Life

Philosophy 2

Good and Evil
Religion, Reason and Revelation
Religion and Science

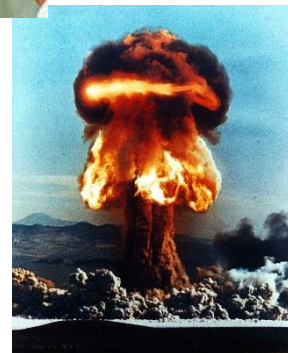
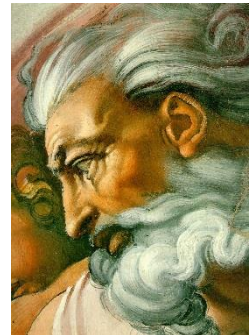
Each unit equals 25% of the GCSE.

All units are externally assessed at the end of Year 11 and there is no coursework.

What you can expect from us:

You will have three lessons a week from a qualified and passionate Philosophy and Ethics specialist, who will work hard to make sure your lessons are engaging and will certainly cover everything you need to succeed in your OCR Philosophy and Ethics exam.

You will receive feedback on your work, in order to ensure you know how to improve and progress. This feedback is vital if you are to achieve your potential, so make sure you value it and use it to inform your next piece of work.



You will have the resources, including various text books, and IT, to help you gain the knowledge that you need to succeed. You will also be surrounded by fellow philosophers, who are often the greatest resource of all!

What we expect from you:

You will be expected to come to lessons with an open mind and a willingness to put in all the effort you can. If a lesson is missed for whatever reason, it will be your responsibility to catch up on that work, or to seek the help of your teacher. Most importantly you will be expected to listen and learn from your fellow philosophers and your teacher.

Exam Board: OCR Course code: J621

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