

A Level Philosophy & Ethics

Examination Board: OCR

Contact Teacher: Mrs Kelly



Course Details and Assessment

This course is highly regarded by universities because of the mature levels of thinking required.

If you enjoy debating, discussion, thinking analytically and reading then this is a course you will enjoy. If you are intrigued by the ultimate questions such as “Why are we here?”, “What happens after death?”, “What evidence is there for a God?” and “What is the meaning of good/bad?” Then you will succeed in this course. This course complements English, History, Sociology, Psychology and Government and Politics.

The course will cover the following topic areas:

AS Course	Full A Level
<p>Philosophy: Ancient Philosophical influences, arguments about the existence or non-existence of God, the nature and impact of religious experience, the challenge for religious beliefs of the problem of evil, the nature of the soul, mind and body, the possibility of life after death.</p> <p>Ethics: Normative ethical theories, the application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance, ethical language and thought.</p> <p>Developments in Hindu thought: Religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world; sources of religious wisdom and authority; practices which shape and express religious identity and how these vary within a tradition.</p>	<p>Philosophy: Ideas about the nature of God, issues in Religious Language.</p> <p>Ethics: Debates surrounding the significant ideas of conscience and freewill. Ethical Language and applied Sexual Ethics.</p> <p>Developments in Hindu thought: Significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought; key themes related to the relationship between religion and society.</p>

The course is assessed in the following way:

AS Level	A Level
<p>There will be 3 exams lasting 1 hour 15 minutes each and worth 60 marks each. They are worth 33% each of the AS level total grade.</p> <p>The exams are in Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics, Developments in Hindu Thought.</p>	<p>There will be 3 exams lasting 1 hour 45 minutes each and worth 120 marks each. They are worth 33% each of the A Level total grade.</p> <p>The exams are in Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics, Developments in Hindu Thought.</p>

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
<p>This course is highly regarded by Universities because of the mature levels of thinking required. The skills developed could be particularly useful for careers in law, education, social work, politics, medicine, administration or the media.</p>	<p>Grade 5 in a Humanities subject or Grade 5 or above in English.</p>

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

Aristotle