

# PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

Qualification Level	A Level
Exam Board/ Specification	OCR Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics Modules)
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## Why study this course?

Choose this subject if you are interested in asking questions, want to explore the meaning of life as well as why people act the way they do towards each other.

## Course content

- How religion is influenced by, and influences, philosophy of religion in relation to the issues studied.
- Arguments for the existence of God, evil and suffering, religious experience, religious language, Plato & Aristotle, the mind, body & soul, the nature of God.
- Ethical theories, euthanasia, sexual ethics and business ethics, meta ethics, free will and moral responsibility, conscience, Bentham and Kant.
- An in-depth and broad study of Christianity including death and the afterlife, the person of Jesus, Christian moral action, gender and links with Marxism.

## Exam/ Assessment structure

Three exams at the end of year 13: one for each unit of the course. These ask you to argue about statements and ideas you have studied in the course.

## Higher education/ career links

This course gives you an insight into Philosophy at University. It can also make a significant contribution to any job that requires you to think clearly and rigorously. Big business – the City firms, the banks, the management consultancies, the chartered accountants – are enthusiastic about people who've done philosophy, because they know how to think clearly.

Philosophy students also go into law, politics, and the civil service. Journalism is a logical career path, since you have to be able to write well and present ideas logically and clearly. Advertising is another choice, as well as teaching.

## Entry requirements

You must have a grade 5 in English at GCSE.

You do not have to have studied Religious Studies or Philosophy at GCSE. If you have previously studied RS you need a grade 5 at GCSE, otherwise a 5 in English can stand in if you have not studied the subject before.