



Religious Studies



What our students say:

"I have found Philosophy unique. The set of thinking and analytical skills that I have learnt from it have helped massively in both my other subjects, especially history. The range of material that we go through is immense and there is something in each topic for everyone to find interesting. It has been very useful for me in preparing to apply for and hopefully study law at university"

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs graded 9 – 4, including English and Mathematics.

Exam Board and Specification Link:

Edexcel A Level Religious Studies, 9RS0: [Edexcel Religious Studies specification](#)

What skills will you develop?

Religious Studies allows students to construct well-informed arguments to support or contradict philosophical thought and allows students to apply ethical theories to modern day examples such as the environment, war and peace and medical ethics. Students will develop a good knowledge and understanding of Philosophical and Ethical theories as well as Buddhist perspectives that they will then apply to clear, well-informed debate.

What will you study?

Paper 1 – Philosophy

- Philosophical issues and questions
- The nature & influence of religious experience
- Problems of evil and suffering
- Religious language
- Works of scholars
- Influences and developments in religious belief

Paper 2 – Ethics

- Significant concepts in issues and debates in religion and ethics
- A study of three ethical theories
- Application of ethical theories to issues of importance
- Ethical language
- Deontology, Virtue Ethics and the works of scholars
- Medical ethics: beginning and end of life issues

Paper 3 – Buddhism

- Religious beliefs, values and teachings
- Sources of wisdom and authority
- Practices that shape and express religious identity
- Social and historical developments
- Works of scholars
- Religion and society



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Why study this subject?

The study of Philosophy and Ethics allows students to question, debate and challenge the world around them. The course aims to develop an understanding and appreciation for philosophical and ethical thought as well as an insight into Buddhist teachings. Studying Philosophy and Ethics can develop the building blocks to support study in Higher Education in many subjects.

How will you be assessed?

Three two-hour exams, one for each paper as listed on the previous page.

Where can the subject lead?

In recent years, our students have moved on to study subjects such as Criminology, Sociology, Law, Health and Social Care, Nursing and the Classics. Philosophy and Ethics develops skills for many university courses and future career aspirations. Some of our students have moved on to starting a career in the police force as well as the industrial sector of work.

Contact Information

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