

A Level Philosophy and Ethics

Exam Board	OCR
Assessment	Three examinations
Entry Requirements	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Religious Education. 360 points if not studied.
Units studied	Philosophy of Religion Religion and Ethics Development in Christian Thought.
Future pathways	There are a wealth of career opportunities following an A Level in Philosophy and Ethics including; Lawyer, banker, business, counsellor, teacher, non-profit worker, public relations, publisher, journalist, librarian, marketing, consulting, research, social worker, professor, public policy, government, accountant, retail management

The study of Philosophy and Ethics offers a challenging scholarly exploration into a variety of topics. The subject allows pupils to explore their own views and the views of others. The subject promotes critical thinking, scholarship and challenges pupils from the first lesson.

In the topic of Philosophy of Religion pupils will study philosophical issues and questions raised by religion and belief. This allows pupils to have a foundation in the issues of philosophy that have challenged scholars for millennia.

In the topic of Religion and Ethics pupils will study ethical language and thought, with the exploration of key concepts and the works of influential thinkers. Pupils will apply normative ethical theories to contemporary issues of euthanasia, business ethics, and attitudes towards homosexuality, extra marital and premarital sex. This allows the study of these theories to be placed in the real world.

In the topic of Developments in Christian Thought pupils will study the exploration of religious beliefs, values, teachings and practices that shape religious identity, as well as sources of wisdom and authority. This area of study allows pupils to the ways in which religious traditions have developed over time, and religious responses to challenges and significant contemporary social issues.

Pupils will have the opportunity to debate, engage, challenge and explore issues of importance throughout the study of Philosophy and Ethics.

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