

A Level Philosophy & Ethics (Religious Studies)

Long Term Plan

Content Overview		Assessment Overview	
Paper 1: Philosophy of religion <i>You will study:</i> • ancient philosophical influences • the nature of the soul, mind and body • arguments about the existence or non-existence of God • the nature and impact of religious experience • the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil • ideas about the nature of God • issues in religious language.		Philosophy of religion (01) 120 marks 3 essays 2 hour written paper	33.3% of total A Level
Paper 2: Religion and ethics <i>You will study:</i> • normative ethical theories • the application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance • ethical language and thought • debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience • sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs		Religion and ethics (02) 120 marks 3 essays 2 hour written paper	33.3% of total A Level
Paper 3: Developments in Christian Thought <i>You will study:</i> • Christian beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world • Sources of religious wisdom and authority in Christianity • practices which shape and express Christian identity, and how these vary within the faith • significant social and historical developments in theology and Christian thought • key themes related to the relationship between Christianity and society		Developments in Christian Thought (03) 120 marks 3 essays 2 hour written paper	33.3% of total A Level

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	Philosophy of Religion (01)	Religion and Ethics (02)	Developments in Christian Thought (03)
Term 1 Y12	Ancient Philosophical Influences	Introduction to Ethics and Natural Law	Augustine's Teaching on Human Nature
Term 2 Y12	Soul, Mind and Body	Situation Ethics	Death and the Afterlife
Term 3 Y12	Arguments based on observation	Kantian Ethics	Knowledge of God's Existence
Term 4 Y12	Arguments based on reason	Utilitarianism	The Person of Jesus Christ
Term 5 Y12	Religious Experience	Euthanasia	Christian Moral Principles
Term 6 Y12	The problem of Evil	Business Ethics	Christian Moral Action
Term 1 Y13	The nature or attributes of God	Meta-ethical Theories	Religious pluralism, theology and Society
Term 2 Y13	Religious language	Conscience	Gender, society and theology
Term 3 Y13	20 th century philosophical perspectives	Sexual Ethics	The Challenge of Secularism
Term 4 Y13	20 th century comparisons	Sexual Ethics continued	Liberation Theology and Marx
Term 5 Y13	<i>Revision lessons and Exams</i>		
Term 6 Y13	<i>Exams</i>		