



Religious Studies

OCR

Subject Leader:

Miss K Bond

Course structure and content

The A Level course is assessed at the end of two years:

Unit 1: Philosophy of Religion;

Studying ancient philosophical influences, arguments about the existence or non-existence of God

Unit 2: Religion and Ethics;

Ethical theory and its practical application

Unit 3: Developments in Religious Thought;

Christianity

Course commitment

The Religious Studies syllabus involves students in exploration of social, moral and ethical issues. There are no standard answers. Each person must think things through for him or herself. These skills are relevant to all jobs as they show the ability to understand the views of others and form one's own opinions. It is a subject which requires students to examine important questions, to weigh up arguments and to reach a reasoned conclusion. Critical thinking and independent thought are essential.

The main resources are provided by the department, but it is helpful if students could purchase their own copy of the additional texts at a cost of about £20.00.

Entrance requirements

Automatic entry: Grade 6 in GCSE RPE (or another humanity) if taken
or Grade 6 pass in English.

Students not achieving these entrance requirements may on occasion be admitted by interview, based on academic performance, approach to learning and course suitability.



Progression routes

The main benefits of an advanced study of the subject are the personal development of the student and the satisfaction of following up individual interests. However, the study of Philosophy and Ethics, especially to external examination level, does confer a number of additional benefits which are useful when pursuing certain careers. For example:

- Careers which involve direct contact with people and require some understanding of human behaviour
- Careers which involve the use and the study of texts
- Careers in which it is an advantage to have a wide range of general knowledge
- Careers which call for the use of the imagination

Further information

Your course teacher is Miss Bond.

Further course details are available at www.ocr.org.uk

How to apply

You can download an application form by visiting the Sixth Form area of the school website at:

www.waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk

Otherwise, contact us direct on 0121 457 4767.

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