

Philosophy & Ethics AS/A2 (Religious Studies)

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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Grade C in Religious Studies and Grade C in English Language

The Course

AS Foundation Unit

Philosophy of Religion and Ethical Thinking:

- This unit will include an Introduction to Philosophical Thinking and Ethics.
- Ancient Thinkers such as Plato and Aristotle.
- The meaning of Moral Language such as 'right' and 'wrong', 'good' and 'bad', will be studied.

AS Philosophy of Religion - Unit 2

This Includes:

- Traditional Arguments for the Existence of God
- The Problem of Evil
- The Challenge of Science regarding Theories about the Origin of the Universe and Human Kind.
- Challenges from Psychology (e.g. Freud and Jung) and from Sociology (e.g. Marx and Durheim).

AS Religious Ethics - Unit 3

Ethical Theory:

- Widely used Ethical Theories, Methods of Moral Decision making in Religion and in Society.
- The Ideas of Absolute and Relative Morality

Practical Ethics:

- Ethical Theories applied to Medical Ethics; Genetic and Reproductive Technologies and Medical Research.

A2 Philosophy of Religion - Unit 12

Studies will include:

- Body Mind Distinctions and the Implications for Death and the After Life: Resurrection, Reincarnation and Existence without a Body.

Revelation:

- What is Religious Experience?
- Are Miracles Possible?
- Views of Scripture.
- The use of Myths to express the Human Understanding of God.

A2 Religious Ethics - Unit 13

- How free are we?
- Is there such a thing as conscience?
- The Christian Relationship with Theories of Ethics in Society.

Practical Ethics:

- Ethics and the Environment
- Sex and Relationships
- War, Peace and Justice.