

# Philosophy & Ethics AS/A2 (Religious Studies)

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## AS Synoptic Unit - Unit 22

This brings the whole course together and is designed to draw out knowledge and understanding from all units in the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics Course.

*It includes:*

- Conscience and Moral Responsibility as possible Evidence for the Existence of God
- The Implication to Human Responsibility of the Concepts of Free Will and Determinism and All-seeing God
- The Relation between Free Will and the Problem of Evil
- Implications for Ethics of the Theories of Psychology and Sociology
- The Relation between Moral Behaviour and Life After Death

## Examination

AS Units will be examined in the Summer Term of Year 12 through 3 one hour examinations containing structured questions.

## A2 Units

There is a possibility that 1 A2 Unit will be examined by extended essay and the remaining 2 Units by 2 one hour and a half exams containing essay questions.

(The Synoptic Unit will require a thorough understanding of the whole course.)

## Difference between GCSE and 'A' Level

This subject requires students to develop as sound philosophical and ethical thinkers. They must also demonstrate a detailed knowledge of the topics specified within the different units. They should also develop an understanding of the significance of scholarship and experience both past and present. Students must also possess sound essay writing techniques along with the ability to express themselves clearly and logically in an intelligent argument and employ the skill of critical evaluation. Students will be required to undertake their own background research if they wish to do well.

## Supporting Subjects

The Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics 'A' Level fits well with other humanity subjects. It can be taken alongside science subjects and Psychology, which make for interesting combinations.

## Post A-Level (Including Career Opportunities)

We hope that you will enjoy the Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics 'A' Level and find it an exciting and stimulating subject. Many employers and Universities value the skills that are fostered through a course such as this. There are a variety of career opportunities that students could follow including: Law, Accountancy, Medicine, Commerce and Industry, Politics and Research, Business Management, Journalism, The church, The Civil Service and Teaching.