

Philosophy and Ethics (Religious Studies)

COURSE CODE

AS Level AQA 7061

A Level AQA 7062

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 6 in GCSE English Language.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

Religious Studies is a thought provoking subject and our contemporary themes will inspire lively classroom discussion! All topics are approached and examined with an emphasis on Christianity.

Topics for Philosophy – Religious Authority, God, Death and the Afterlife, Challenges from Science and Secularism, Function of Religion (including Liberation Theology), Problem of Evil, Religious Experience, Religious Language and Miracles.

Topics for Ethics – Equality, Justice, Honesty, Religious Identity, Feminism, Sexual Identity, Religious Pluralism, Ethical Theories (with reference to Abortion, Cloning, Euthanasia and Capital Punishment), Status of Animals, Meta-Ethics (Right and Wrong), Free Will and Conscience.

ASSESSMENT

AS Level: Two papers

- Paper 1: Philosophy and Ethics (2 hours) 67%.
- Paper 2: Study of Christianity (1 hour) 33%.

A Level: Two papers

- Paper 1: Philosophy and Ethics (3 hours) 50%.
- Paper 2: Christianity and dialogues (3 hours) 50%.

NEXT STEPS

Philosophy and Ethics is a popular and well regarded course which leads to a wide range of subjects at university, including, but by no means limited to, Religious Studies and Philosophy. Philosophy is unique in its questioning approach. This is exemplified by Socrates who exclaimed that “the unexamined life is not worth living”. Students will learn to construct logical arguments and argue from a variety of viewpoints. They will understand challenging concepts and learn to empathise with others. It is an ancient subject which branches across all fields, thereby complementing most academic disciplines at degree level.

CAREER INFORMATION

An excellent ‘people qualification’ for those wishing to pursue a career in education, law, management, social work, media and politics to name just a few.

EXTRA COSTS

Students will be encouraged to purchase a text book for around £20 to promote home learning. However, this is not obligatory and textbooks will be available in class.