

RS: Philosophy and Ethics

Examination board & syllabus: Edexcel Religious Studies: Philosophy and Ethics

Minimum Entry Requirements: GCSE Religious Studies B or English Grade 5 and English Literature Grade 5

This course covers a number of options within Religious Studies, including Philosophy of Religion, Ethics, Classical Philosophy, and New Testament Studies. Students are encouraged to adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion.

Course Outline:

The course is split into 3 key topics: Philosophy of religion, Religion and Ethics and New Testament Studies

Philosophy of religion	Religion and Ethics	New Testament Studies
<i>Learners will study:</i> -Philosophical issues and questions; -The nature and influence of religious experience; -Problems of evil and suffering; -Philosophical language; -Works of scholars; -Influences of developments in religious belief.	<i>Learners will study:</i> -Significant concepts in issues or debates in religion and ethics; -A study of three ethical theories; -Application of ethical theories to issues of importance; -Ethical language; -Deontology, Virtue Ethics and the works of scholars; -Medical ethics.	<i>Learners will study:</i> -context of the New Testament; -Ways of interpreting the scripture; - the Kingdom of God, -conflict; -the death and resurrection of Jesus; -Scientific and historical-critical challenges; -ethical living; - works of scholars.

Assessment:

One 2 hour exam for each topic at the end of Year 13.

Each exam is out of 80 marks and worth 33% of the qualification.

Exam:

Each Topic will be assessed by a 2 hr exam split into three sections;

- Section A: Two structured questions
- Section B: One two part essay on an excerpt from the course anthology.
- Section C: One extended essay question.

Equipment required / Approx Cost:

Text book for each year (£20 each)

Higher Education Progression:

Theology and religious studies graduates develop a wide range of transferable skills. These are useful for careers in teaching, law, business and management, administration, publishing, media, journalism and government jobs (local and national), as well as social, youth, community and advice work.

Useful Websites:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com>

www.rsrevision.com/Alevel