

Philosophy and Ethics (OCR)

Programme of Study:

Year 1	Year 2
Philosophy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient philosophers • Body, mind and soul • Arguments for the existence of God from observation and reason • Religious Experience • The problem of Evil Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Law • Situation Ethics • Kantian ethics • Utilitarianism • Applied ethics Developments in Christian Thought <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Augustine and human nature • Death and the afterlife • Knowledge of God's existence • Jesus • Christian moral principles • Christian moral action 	Philosophy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and attributes of God • Religious language Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meta-ethical theories • Conscience • Sexual ethics Developments in Christian Thought <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious pluralism and theology • Religious pluralism and society • Gender and society • Gender and theology • The challenge of secularism • Liberation theology and Marx
Assessment There are three 2 hour exams at the end of the second year. Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion Paper 2: Religion and Ethics, Paper 3: Developments in Christian Thought	

Entry Requirements

A minimum of a Grade 6 or above in GCSE RE. If a student has not studied RE, we expect them to have achieved highly in a humanities subject and English.

Recommended Reading and Subject Enrichment

Students are encouraged to undertake extensive background reading around ethical and moral issues including a regular quality newspaper and the use of relevant websites such as BBC News and CNN news to keep up to date with ethical issues in the media and changes to legislation on matters such as business practices, abortion and euthanasia. Students should also read academic texts:

Stephen Law, *The Philosophy Files*
 Richard Dawkins, *The God Delusion*
 Peter Vardy, *The Puzzle of Ethics*
 Robert Bowie, *Ethical Studies*
 William Young, *The Shack*

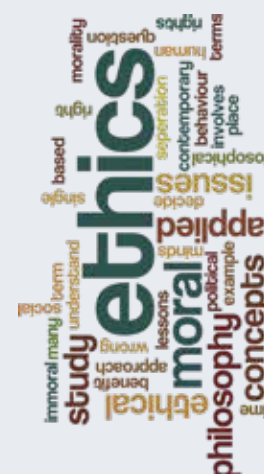
Higher Education and Career Pathways

Philosophy can be read as a single subject. This course also supports the study of Theology. Universities often pair Mathematics with Philosophy at degree level.

Careers may include: Barrister / Solicitor, Marketing executive, Journalist, Policy officer, Psychotherapist, Recruitment consultant, Teacher, Chaplain

Complementary Subjects

History, Sociology, Psychology, Government and Politics, Mathematics.



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For Further Information

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