
Course highlights:

We follow the Eduqas Religious studies syllabus with a focus on Christianity and Islam which enables students to develop an understanding of the breadth of Philosophy and Ethics making this course both fascinating and relevant. Students will contemplate the answer to key questions such as: Should same sex marriages be allowed in religious places of worship? Does an unborn baby have the right to life? Should we be allowed to die when we want? How are criminals treated in the twenty first century? Why do people suffer? Should we stand up for what we believe in? Should people always have the right to express their views?

Learning styles used:

Written work and extended writing, independent research using a variety of resources including a range of useful websites, work in groups with other students, extensive use of archive film and television documentaries, interpretation and evaluation of religious sources (religious scriptures, philosophical and theological thinkers) are important skills that are developed throughout the course. Students will also develop essay-writing skills in essay-style answers.

How is it assessed?

The GCSE is assessed through written answers. Students will learn a broad range of skills and structures which will enable them to question sources, judge their reliability and make informed decisions. There are 3 exams for GCSE Philosophy and Ethics (Religious studies).

Assessment will include modules on:

Christian beliefs and practices – 1 hour exam

Islamic beliefs and practices – 1 hour exam

Philosophical and Ethical themes; Relationships; Human rights; Life and death; Good and Evil – 2 hour exam

Other Information:

The transferable skills learnt in Philosophy and Ethics will help to prepare you for further education in any subject. It is highly thought of by universities. Philosophy and Ethics is highly recommended by universities for those wanting to study medical courses at degree level.

Sixth form pathways & careers available from this course:

Main careers for people who study Philosophy and Ethics; Medicine, The Arts, Journalism, Media, Politics, Police, History, Psychology, Catering and many more.

Course combinations:

This course can be combined with any other course.

Please see **Mr McCall (A22)** to discuss this course.