

AQA - A Level Religious Studies

Philosophy, Ethics and Theology

Why is this a great course to study?

The aims of the AQA A level in Religious studies are for students to:

- Ensuring students have a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints.
- Students gain critical and evaluative skills sought by higher education and employers – particularly in law, education, social work, politics, medicine, administration and the media.
- Be inspired by their philosophical and ethical understanding, to engage critically with real world issues.
- Grow as independent thinkers and as informed and engaged citizens, who understand the role and importance of religion in understanding the worlds changing peoples, politics and ideas.

Course Content

Year 12 Topics

Philosophy of religion

- Arguments for the existence of God
- Evil and suffering.
- Religious experience.

Ethics and religion.

- Ethical theories.
- Issues of human life and death.
- Issues of animal life and death.

The study of religion.

- Sources of wisdom and authority.
- The nature of God
- Life after death.
- Key moral principles.
- Religious identity.

Year 13 Topics

Philosophy of religion

- Religious language
- Miracles
- Self and life after death.

Ethics and religion.

- Introduction to meta ethics
- Free will and moral responsibility
- Conscience
- Bentham and Kant

The study of religion.

- Religion, gender and sexuality
- Religion and science
- Religion and secularization
- Religion and religious pluralism.

How will I be assessed?

There are 2 x 3-hour exams which make 100% of the grade. Paper 1 is on Philosophy and Ethics. Paper 2 is on the study of religion. Each paper is worth 50% of the overall grade.

Further information If you require any further information or have any questions please contact Miss Garnett, head of Religious and Personal Studies

