

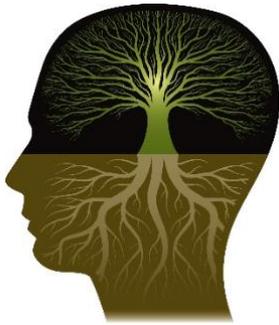
### What specification is proposed?

Edexcel A Level Religious Studies. We study the Philosophy and Ethics units predominantly, so whilst your exam result will be in Religious Studies, you will be studying Philosophy and Ethics in the main.

### What will I be covering in the course Philosophy?

'Philosophy, rightly defined, is simply the love of wisdom.' (Cicero)

'Philosophy is not a theory, but an activity' (Wittgenstein)



#### Philosophy of Religion:

In this section, we will examine key issues relating to the existence of God. We will focus on the following:

- The God of Classical Theism
- The Design Argument
- The Cosmological Argument
- The Ontological Argument
- The Problem of Evil and Suffering
- Religious Experience
- Religious Language
- Developments of Religious Belief

#### Ethics:

In this section, will examine key issues relating to morality and ethics. We will focus on the following:

- Utilitarianism
- Deontology
- Situation Ethics
- Virtue Ethics
- Natural Moral Law
- Ethical Language
- Applying ethical theories to real life scenarios, such as:
  - o War
  - o The Environment
  - o Equality
  - o Sexual Ethics
  - o Medical Ethics



#### Christianity:

In this section, will examine key issues relating to the beliefs of Christianity. We will focus on the following:

- Beliefs, values and teachings
- Sources of Wisdom and Authority
- Practices
- Social and Historical Developments
- Religion and Society

### What can I do with this subject?

Philosophy is highly respected by universities and employers because of the critical thinking and analytical skills used. University admissions tutors and employers will be positive about seeing it as a subject on your applications. Students of Philosophy and Ethics choose many different career paths, including Journalism, Law, Politics, Public Policy, Civil Service, Teaching, Finance and Business and Marketing.

'The great virtue of Philosophy is that it teaches not what to think, but how to think' (The Times)

'Philosophy is the ultimate transferable work skill' (The Times)

'Many employers value the flexibility of thought that a course in Philosophy and Ethics offers.' (University of Bristol)

### Specific entry requirements for this course

Grade B/6 must be achieved in GCSE Religious Education.

