

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS GCE AS/A2 LEVEL
HUMANITIES FACULTY LEADER: Ms Curtis**EXAMINATION BOARD: OCR****SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

This course involves an ability to think and reason, to take part in discussion and to be able to write essays. GCSE grade C or above in Mathematics and a B grade in English Literature or Language is required to study this course.

OVERVIEW:

This subject involves asking questions about what is reality? Is there meaning and purpose to life? Is it rational to believe in a God? What is the right way to live? What happens when we die? It covers philosophical and ethical issues and helps you to think critically about the world around you. It challenges what you think and why you think it.

YEAR 12 AS LEVEL UNITS:

This course covers Ancient philosophical influences, arguments about the existence or non-existence of God, the nature and impact of religious experience, the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil, the nature of soul, mind and body, the possibility of life after death, issues in religious language, different ethical theories, debates surrounding the idea of conscience and free will and sources of religious wisdom and authority.

Students will complete some elements of the course in Year 12.

There is no coursework in this subject.

YEAR 13 A2 LEVEL UNITS:

Ancient philosophical influences, arguments about the existence or non-existence of God, the nature and impact of religious experience, the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil, the nature of soul, mind and body, the possibility of life after death, issues in religious language, different ethical theories, debates surrounding the idea of conscience and free will and sources of religious wisdom and authority.

Students will complete the rest of the elements of the course in Year 13.

There is no coursework in this subject.

LEARNING & ASSESSMENT:

The course is examined by three written papers. Candidates have a choice of questions but need to answer three out of five. Each paper is worth a third of the final exam.

COURSES & CAREERS:

Philosophy and Ethics at A Level helps you to critically analyse, reason and think. It enables you to gain confidence in expressing your ideas verbally and in writing. This course works well with those interested in working with people and especially being involved in management. It works well with other humanities subjects such as History, Law and Sociology. It also relates to Education, English, Creative Writing, Film or Media Studies, Journalism, Anthropology and Business and Marketing. Careers related to these degree courses then follow.