

“Religious Studies is a really challenging, interesting & rewarding subject.”

Year 12 Student

**2020 exam
results: 93.3% A*-C**



Future prospects:

Philosophy and Ethics shows a broad mind and a willingness to listen to new ideas, other than your own - a key skill in the modern job market.

The skills developed are particularly useful for careers in business, journalism, law, management, media, medicine, public communications, politics, public relations, publishing, social work and teaching.

In recent years some of our students went on to study...

Theology at Cambridge

Philosophy at Nottingham

Philosophy & Politics at Sheffield

Law at Nottingham

War Studies at Kent

Come and join us!

Specific course requirements:

GCSE Religious Studies at grade 5 and above or in a relevant subject (English Literature, History etc) if you haven't studied RS at GCSE.

**For further information
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Head of Department**

Teaching staff:

Religion & Philosophy
Mrs O'Regan

Religion & Ethics
Mrs Walker

A Level RS: Religion, Philosophy & Ethics



What is Religion, Philosophy & Ethics?

A Level Religion, Philosophy and Ethics invites students to ask questions, to challenge their views and the views of others, to agree, disagree, think, debate, discuss and enquire.

The course is taught predominantly from a Christian perspective and examines how this religion overlaps with philosophy & ethics.

Students will be equipped with a range of knowledge and skills which will help them to make sense of contemporary events.

Philosophy deals with the ultimate questions and poses possible solutions to them.

Ethics takes a deeper look into how human beings decide what is right or wrong, good and bad. We study and apply moral theories to issues such as genetic engineering, blood sports, abortion and capital



The curriculum:

Religion

- ◆ God
- ◆ Life after death
- ◆ The challenge from science
- ◆ The nature and role of religions
- ◆ The Bible
- ◆ Key moral principles
- ◆ Religious identity
- ◆ Religion & sexual identity
- ◆ Religious pluralism

Philosophy of religion

- ◆ Philosophical arguments for the existence of God
- ◆ Evil & suffering
- ◆ Religious experience
- ◆ Religious language
- ◆ Miracles
- ◆ The nature & function of religion

Ethics

- ◆ Ethical theories: Situation Ethics and Natural Law and Virtue Ethics
- ◆ The application of these theories to human & animal issues of life and death
- ◆ Introduction to meta-ethics
- ◆ Free will & moral responsibility
- ◆ The Conscience
- ◆ The theories of Bentham & Kant

Assessment:

Paper 1: Philosophy and Ethics, paper 2: Religion and Dialogues

Both papers are three hours in length and consist of a mixture of structured questions and essays.

Homework

In the Sixth Form it is expected that students complete preparatory reading before each lesson and be prepared to write at least 4 essays per term.



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