

# OCR A level in Religious Studies (H573)

#### Overview

We are a very successful department consistently scoring above the national average at A- level. This year we 80% of our students getting A-C grades. We offer a range of local academic trips.

## Subject specific requirements

You will need to have achieved grade 5 or better in RE and in English Language or Literature as students will need to show that they can form critical and cogent arguments.

## **Course outline**

The end of course exam will be made up of 40-mark questions (they must answer three from four options) in each of the three components.

Component 1 Philosophy 120 marks 2 hour written paper 33.3% of total A level	Component 2 Ethics 120 marks 2 hour written paper 33.3% of total A level	Component 3 Developments in Christian thought 120 marks 2 hour written paper 33.3% of total A level
<ul> <li>Learners will study:         <ul> <li>Ancient philosophical influences</li> <li>The nature of the soul, mind and body</li> <li>Arguments about the existence or non-existence of God</li> <li>The nature and impact of religious experience</li> <li>The challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil</li> <li>Ideas about the nature of God</li> <li>Issues in religious language.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Learners will study:</li> <li>Normative ethical theories</li> <li>The application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance</li> <li>Ethical language and thought</li> <li>Debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience</li> <li>Sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Learners will study:</li> <li>Religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world</li> <li>Sources of religious wisdom and authority</li> <li>Practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition</li> <li>Significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought</li> <li>Key themes related to the relationship between religion and society</li> </ul>

#### What you can do with an A Level in Ethics and Philosophy (Religious Studies):

 Use it to study a related degree at University for example Law, teaching, Business, Finance, Social Work, Politics, Management, Administration, Public Relations, Sales and Marketing among others.