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PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (A LEVEL)

AIMS OF THE COURSE

A level Philosophy and Ethics aims to give students a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints. Students will gain critical and evaluative skills sought by higher education and employers – particularly in law, education, social work, politics, medicine, administration and the media. In this thought provoking subject, rich in contemporary themes, students will be inspired to engage in rigorous classroom discussion.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CONTENT

Assessment	Overview	Marks	%
3:00	P1 - Philosophy of Religion & Ethics	100	50
3:00	P2 - Study of Religion and Dialogues	100	50

This course explores themes of philosophy and ethics, particularly in the context of religion. The content covers the philosophy and ethics of religion at large, as well as the dialogues between religion and topics such as morality, life and death, science and secularism and the Self.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I LEARN?

Interpersonal skills: Life skills that will be used every day to communicate and interact with other people, both individually and in groups. These include empathy and compassion, intrigue and questioning.

Team working: Working collaboratively to achieve goals.

Problem solving: Philosophy focuses upon discovering, analysing and solving problems especially dealing with current ethical issues and finding solutions to philosophical questions.

Good verbal and written communication skills: Time will be spent discussing and debating important questions, developing open mindedness, listening and learning to use mature language to support ideas. Written skills are developed throughout the year with specific focus on written language,

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"Philosophy is regarded as a highly academic subject."

essay writing skills and development of a written argument so students will be able to construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.

Analytical skills: Philosophy develops the ability to gather information (often through research), articulate, critically analyse and evaluate views of scholars, solve complex problems and make decisions based on the research or information found.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

Philosophy and Ethics is considered a facilitating subject for University. Students often go on to study English, PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics), Medicine and Psychology. The skills developed can be applied to most jobs and many students go onto careers in areas such as Medicine, Law, Criminology, Armed Forces, Primary Teaching, and Journalism.

ADDITIONAL EXAM BOARD DETAILS

➤ <https://shorturl.at/mMSkS>

PREVIOUS GRADES

Exam Board: AQA

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	X	Totals
2023	0	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	9
2024	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
2025	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5 GCSE grades 4-9 including Mathematics and English Language
- Grade 5 in English Language
- Grade 6 in RE (if studied)
- Desirable to have a Grade 6 in a Humanities course