



Hillcrest Sixth Form

Philosophy
& Ethics



Philosophy and Ethics



What does studying Philosophy and Ethics involve?

The aims of this course are to encourage students to develop their interest and enthusiasm for a rigorous study of Philosophy and Ethics and relate it to the wider world; to treat the subject as an academic discipline by developing knowledge; adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of Philosophy and Ethics and reflect on and develop their own values opinions and attitudes in the light of their learning.

What skills will I develop?

Key Skills are integral to the study of AS/A level Religious Studies and may be assessed through the course. The following key skills can be developed through the Philosophy and Ethics course:

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Information and Communication Technology
- Working with Others
- Improving Own Learning and Performance

What subjects compliment Philosophy and Ethics?

Most students studying Philosophy and Ethics will combine their studies with subjects from Humanities and Social Sciences such as History, Geography, Sociology and Psychology. In the past students have also taken Philosophy and Ethics alongside Science, providing a good balance of subjects, especially if students are going on to study medicine at university. Philosophy and Ethics has no coursework so it would combine well with subjects with a heavier coursework load.

Where will the subject take me?

Those studying A Level in the past have gone on to study in such diverse fields as Law, Medicine, English, History, Journalism and Sports Science– as well as Theology and Philosophy and Ethics!

Entry requirements:

Students are required to have gained a GCSE English grade between a 9-6 in order to study GCE Philosophy and Ethics.

Course content:

Component 1: A study of religion (Islam)

This component provides learners with the opportunity to undertake an in-depth and broad study of their chosen religion covering themes ranging from religious figures and sacred texts to practices that shape religious identity

Component 2: Philosophy of Religion

Theme 1: Arguments for the existence of God

Theme 2: Challenges to religious belief - the problem of evil and suffering

Theme 3: Religious Experience

Theme 4: Religious language

Component 3: Religion and Ethics

Theme 1: Ethical Thought

Theme 2: Deontological Ethics

Theme 3: Teleological Ethics

Theme 4: Determinism and Free Will

Assessment:

Students will complete 3 two hour examinations (one for each component) at the end of the two year course.

Suggested reading material:

Revision Express Religious Studies AS & A2	Sarah K. Tyler, Gordon Reid	97814052066 69	Pearson Longman
WJEC AS Philosophy of Religion and Ethics	Karl Lawton, Andrew Pearce	97819066820 79	ILLP

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