

A Level: Religious Studies

Specification: Eduqas / WJEC



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Sixth Form
faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion

Studying Religion, Philosophy and Ethics at A Level challenges students to think deeply about life's big questions and develop skills that are highly valued in both higher education and the workplace. Students explore fundamental issues such as: what is right and wrong? Does God exist? What makes a good life? How should we make moral decisions in today's world?

“The unexamined life is not worth living.” Socrates

Subject Content

1 – Study of Christianity	2 – Philosophy of Religion	3 – Ethics and Religion
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Religious figures and sacred texts- Religious concepts and religious life- Significant social and historical development in religious thought- Religious practices that shape identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arguments for the existence of God- Challenges to religious belief- Religious experience- Religious language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ethical thought- Deontological ethics- Teleological ethics- Determinism and free will

Exam Assessment

Paper 1: Study of Christianity

Written exam: 2 hours

100 marks

33% of A Level

Paper 2: Philosophy of Religion

Written exam: 2 hours

100 marks

33% of A Level

Paper 3: Ethics and Religion

Written exam: 2 hours

100 marks

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Enrichment

Students will have the opportunity to attend academic conferences, led by Dr Peter Vardy, a British theologian. The author or co-author of 18 books about religion and ethics.

Philosophy Society – led by Year 12 and Year 13 students.

Ethics and Debate Society – led by Year 12 and Year 13 students.

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