

# R.S. - PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION AND ETHICS

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## TYPE OF QUALIFICATION

A-level

## EXAM BOARD

AQA

## SPECIFICATION

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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

*Preferred:* GCSE English grade 5  
*Essential:* GCSE English grade 4



## AIMS OF THE COURSE

The Philosophy, Religion and Ethics course aims to provide students with an in-depth knowledge of different religions, while ensuring students have a thorough understanding of the diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints. Over the course,

- you will develop skills in critical analysis of religious and philosophical ideas, that will be relevant for many future careers.
- you will learn to understand the influence of the beliefs and teachings you learn on individuals, communities and societies.
- you will be able to construct well informed and reasoned arguments that are supported by relevant evidence.

## COURSE OUTLINE & ASSESSMENT

Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion and Ethics. This covers arguments for the existence of God, evil and suffering, religious experience, religious language, miracles, ethical theories, issues of human life and death, issues of animal life and death, CUT[introduction to] meta ethics, free will, moral responsibility, conscience and key philosophical thinkers such as Bentham, Kant and Aquinas.

Paper 2: Study of religion – Christianity. This covers sources of wisdom and authority, God, self, death and the afterlife, good conduct and key moral principles, expression of religious identity, gender and sexuality, science, secularisation, migration and religious pluralism with responses from Christian backgrounds, such as texts, influential people and academics.

## CAREER PROSPECTS

The A-Level is accepted as a qualification for university courses in all subjects. The knowledge of other cultures and world beliefs that this course provides can be useful in many jobs. These include counselling and social services, marketing, sales and advertising, catering and hospitality leisure sport and tourism, retail sales and customer services, education and training, medicine and nursing and other service sector roles.

## SUBJECT ENRICHMENT



### Something to think about...

Can we ever dismiss someone if they claim to have had a religious experience? Or should we listen to them to gain an improved understanding?



### Something to listen to...

BBC Radio 4 have a wonderful programme called 'Beyond Belief' which explores the place and nature of faith in today's world; [click here](#)



### Something to read...

Davies, B. (1993) An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

