

# Philosophy, Religion and Ethics (Religious Studies)

A Level



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## What is PRE?

At A-level religious studies is broken down into three topics; Philosophy, Ethics and Theology. All of these subjects' appeal to students who enjoy arguing over ideas and ideals. In this A-level, students will develop their understanding and appreciation of religious beliefs and teachings, as well as the disciplines of ethics and the philosophy of religion.

## What will I study?

In philosophy you will examine the many thinkers who have tried to explain thought, the world and society. This will range from Ancient Greeks to 21<sup>st</sup> century idealists.

In ethics you will learn how to evaluate what is morality and how that morality or ethical rules might be applied to different situations. We will also look at specific applications of these moral arguments, such as the moral rules that guide business and politics, or fail to guide them as the case may be.

In theology we will look at the ideas that people have arrived at as they attempt to understand the nature of God. We will also look at how people have responded to these ideas including looking at Dietrich Bonhoeffer who responded to the situation in the world around him and his beliefs about God by trying to kill Hitler.

## What entry requirements will I need?

In addition to the general entry requirements it is preferable to have a grade 6 in Religious Studies.

## How will I be taught?

Most lessons will be broken down into teacher lead learning, seminar style discussion and group examination of different topics. There will also be developmental writing workshops to ensure excellence in final grades and support pupils who are looking to develop the verbal reasoning skills needed for further higher education.

## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed with three end of year exam papers; one for each subject. Each exam is two hours and worth a third of your overall A Level grade.

## What career opportunities does this open up?

The skills and knowledge gained by studying religious studies support anyone who is looking for careers in journalism, entertainment and television, game development and politics.