

# Philosophy & Ethics

## A-Level Religious Studies

**Subject** Philosophy & Ethics/Religious Studies

**Exam Board** WJEC/EDUQAS

**Specification Numbers** A120

**Teacher Responsible** Mrs C Cleall

**Introduction**

- A-Level Philosophy and Ethics/Religious Studies is designed to enable learners to develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, a study of religion and its place in the wider world, its contribution to individuals, communities and societies.
- The WJEC Eduqas A-Level specification contains three components: Christianity, Ethics and Philosophy.
- A wide range of topics are discussed, including an exploration of how moral decisions are made. We explore ethical dilemmas such as abortion, euthanasia and relationships. Furthermore, we consider the role of evil and suffering in the world, the place of God and science as well as religious experience, miracles and language.

**Aims of the Course** The WJEC Eduqas A-Level in Philosophy and Ethics/Religious Studies encourages learners to:

- develop their interest in a rigorous study of religion and belief and relate it to the wider world.
- develop knowledge and understanding appropriate to a specialist study of religion, morality and philosophy.
- enable students to think more deeply and critically on the role of the church historically in ethical thought and its implications for society today.
- adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of ethics.
- reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study.

**How You Are Assessed** There is an exam for each module studied with a contribution of 33% to your total qualification.

**Links to Future Careers** This is an impressive course to both employers and universities. People who have studied Philosophy and Ethics/Religious Studies go on to a wide range of fields including Law, Medicine, Teaching and Psychology.

The course will develop your analytical skills and debating.

It will challenge students to think about the value of each argument and consider wider existential questions. It is seen as a 'facilitating subject' by Russell Group universities.

**Entry Requirement**  
Grade 4 in GCSE English