

# REP: Religion, Ethics and Philosophy

## Why this course is right for you

Do you enjoy grappling with the fundamental issues of life? If so, then this course will empower you with the skills to critically interrogate and debate questions that humans have wrestled with for centuries.

This course is a genuine mix of Religious Studies, Ethics and Philosophy in equal weighting. Within this course you will explore the development in thought of one of the world's major religions, debate what it means for an act to be considered morally good, and delve into the philosophical challenges faced by theists.

Through studying this subject you will develop your ability to think deeply and critically in relation to a variety of topics. You will also hone your ability to write at length to develop logical chains of reasoning in order to justify your positions.

## Beyond A Levels

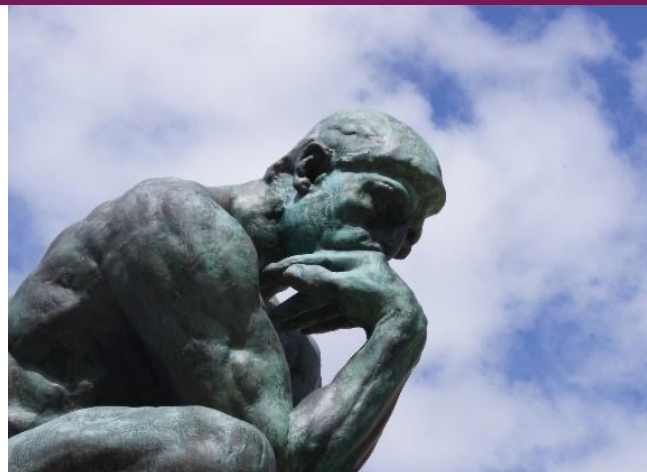
The ability to critically engage with issues and arrive at your own, deeply thought through conclusions is a skill that is valuable in the pursuit of many undergraduate courses such as Philosophy, Theology, Anthropology and Law.

Many A-level Religion, Ethics and Philosophy students go on to utilise their deep and critical thinking to work in careers in academia, journalism, social work, teaching, and law.

## Going further

If you think you might be interested in Religious Studies you should take a look at:

- Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder
- Did Darwin kill God? (documentary on youtube)
- Moral Maze on Radio 4 (available on Podcast apps)



## Course Content

Exam board: OCR

**Head of Department/Faculty: Mr Levingston**

### Topics (this list is not exhaustive):

- Arguments about the existence of God
- Issues in religious language
- Normative ethical theories
- The application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance
- Christian beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world

### Assessment:

100% examination at the end of year 13.

3 x 2 hour papers

**Paper One:** Philosophy of religion

**Paper Two:** Religion and Ethics

**Paper Three:** Developments in religious thought

## Additional Experiences

Students may have the opportunity to attend conferences or lectures as part of this course.

## Subject Entry Requirements

Must include a Grade 6 in GCSE Religious Studies as well as a Grade 6 in GCSE English.

**"An unexamined life is not worth living"**

Socrates