



Kimberley
School

Humanities

Sixth Form

AS/A2 Level

2016-2018

**Religious
Education**

What is Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics?

These are the two options which make up our qualification in Religious Studies.

Philosophy of Religion is a critical study of religious and non-religious views on the existence of God and related topics.

Religious Ethics is the branch of philosophy concerned with morality and considers "Which actions are right and which are wrong?"

Who is it for?

Religious Philosophy and Ethics is for students who are naturally inquisitive and would like to seek answers to ultimate questions such as: Why are we here?

What is the meaning of life? Is there a God?

Why is there suffering? Should people go to war?

Should we allow IVF, genetic engineering and cloning?

The course is for anyone who wants a career working with people: –

POLICE FORCE. LAW, EDUCATION, SOCIAL WORK
ARCHAEOLOGY, FILMS, MEDICAL, WRITING

What will I study?

Philosophy of Religion

Learners will study:

- ancient philosophy influences
- arguments about the existence or non-existence of God
- the nature and impact of religious experience
- the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil
- the nature of the soul, mind and body
- the possibility of life after death

Religion and Ethics

Learners will study:

- normative ethical theories
- the application of ethical theory or two contemporary issues of importance
- ethical language and thought

Developments in Religious Thought

Learners will study:

- religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world
- sources of religious wisdom and authority
- practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition



The course is made up of:

AS

Unit 1: PHILOSOPHY

- Ancient Greek influences on philosophy
- Traditional arguments for the existence of God
- Religious Experience
- Challenges to Religious belief
- Possibility of life after death

Unit 2: ETHICS

- Ethical Theories – Natural Law, Kantian Ethics, Utilitarianism,
- Applied Ethics: - Abortion, the right to a child, Euthanasia, Genetic engineering, War and Peace
- Ethical language

Unit 3: DEVELOPMENTS IN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

A2

Unit 3: PHILOSOPHY

- Ideas about the nature of God
- Issues in religious language.

Unit 4: ETHICS

- Meta-ethics
- Free Will and Determinism
- The Nature and Role of the Conscience
- Virtue Ethics
- Applied Ethics – Environmental, Business and Sexual Ethics

Unit 5: DEVELOPMENTS IN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

- The relationship between religion and society.

How will I be assessed?

A/S
PHILOSOPHY
1 hour written
paper.

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A/S
ETHICS
1 hour written
paper.

+

A/S
DEVELOPMENTS
IN RELIGIOUS
THOUGHT
1 hour written
paper.

A2
PHILOSOPHY
2 hour written
paper.

+

A2
ETHICS
2 hour written
paper.

+

A2
DEVELOPMENTS
IN RELIGIOUS
THOUGHT
2 hour written
paper.



**See Mrs. Brockway, Mr. Wightman or Mrs. Moffatt
for further details on the course
Or talk to Year 12 & 13 students**

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