



Philosophy and Ethics

A Level philosophy and ethics provides students with an exciting opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of world religions, and explore philosophy of religion and religious ethics.

The Russell Group of top universities has made it clear that religious studies A Level provides 'suitable preparation for university generally'. Emphasis is placed on critical analysis and the construction of balanced, informed arguments within the context of a religious, philosophical and ethical awareness.

At A Level we study religious studies using the OCR examinations board. Students study three components, philosophy of religion, religion and ethics and developments in Christian thought over a two year period.

Year 1

Philosophy of Religion

- Ancient philosophical influences
- Soul, mind and body
- Arguments based on observation
- Arguments based on reason
- The problem of evil
- Religious experience

Religion and ethics

- Natural law
- Situation ethics
- Kantian ethics
- Utilitarianism
- Euthanasia
- Business ethics

Developments in Christian Thought

- Augustine's teaching on human nature
- Death and the afterlife
- Knowledge of God's existence
- The person of Jesus Christ
- Christian moral principles
- Christian moral action

Year 2

Philosophy of Religion

- The nature or attributes of God
- Religious language: negative, analogical or symbolic
- Religious language: twentieth-century perspectives and philosophical comparison

Religion and Ethics

- Meta-ethical theories
- Conscience
- Sexual ethics

Developments in Christian Thought

- Religious pluralism and theology
- Religious pluralism and society
- Gender and society
- Gender and theology
- The challenge of secularism
- Liberation theology and Marx

For more information on each topic, please visit:
www.st-wilfrids.org/sixth-form/courses

Opportunities:

Philosophy teaches you how to think for yourself and how to analyse and communicate ideas clearly and logically. These versatile skills provide a basis for almost every type of employer in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.