

Philosophy and Ethics A-level OCR Exam Board



Why Study Philosophy and Ethics?

Apart from the way that the course will help you develop in terms of your thinking skills, your ability to reason and debate, to create and rebuff an argument as well as all the knowledge and understanding you will acquire throughout the course.

Philosophy and Ethics is held in very high regard by all universities. It demonstrates you are someone who can think, who can reason, who can create logical arguments and who is able to engage with difficult issues to a high academic standard.



Whether you are thinking of studying Law or Medicine, Theology or Horticulture, Music or Engineering, whether you are considering going straight into the workplace or if you have no idea where you are going next, Philosophy and Ethics will place you in strong position for any application.

Assessment Structure

There will be 3 exams all with equal weighting. Students will be given four questions and expected to complete three of those. The components are as follows:

- 1. Philosophy of Religion**
2 hour written exam 33.3%
Questions can target material from any area of the specification. Two questions might be set from one specification section, or all questions might be from different sections.
- 2. Religion and Ethics**
2 hour written exam 33.3%
Questions can target material from any area of the specification. Two questions might be set from one specification section, or all questions might be from different sections.
- 3. Development of Christian Thought**
2 hour written exam 33.3%
Questions can target material from any area of the specification. Two questions might be set from one specification section, or all questions might be from different sections.

Possible Career Pathways:

Taking Philosophy and Ethics can make a significant contribution to any job that requires you to think well, that is clearly and rigorously. For example:

- Civil Service
- Finance
- Medicine
- Law
- Politics

Advised Entry Requirements:

We would require you to have at least a Level 6 in both English and RE. If you did not take GCSE RE then we would look for a 6 in a similar humanity based subject.

Specification Link

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/>