

# Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (EDUQAS/WJEC) - A Level

A Level Religion, Philosophy and Ethics is a fascinating and enlightening subject to study. Not only will you develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of Christianity, Philosophy and Ethics but you will also gain many valuable transferable skills along the way. The A Level syllabus combines the in-depth study of the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics with the study of a major world religion and the development of thought within it.

## Course Content & Assessment

In the Ethics Component, you will study a number of theories exploring morality. You will apply ethical theories to contemporary issues including abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and embryonic research.

In Philosophy you explore a variety of fascinating topics, including the nature of the mind, body and soul, arguments for and against the existence of God, and the problem of evil.

In the Religion component you will study one major world religion chosen by the school (Christianity) and will discover the religion's teachings and key figures, religious practices and expressions of religious identity.

## Examinations: Year 13

- **2 Hour Written Examination: A Study of Religion:** Christianity 33%
- **2 Hour Written Examination:** Philosophy 33%
- **2 Hour Written Examination:** Ethics 33%

## Future opportunities

Studying Religion, Philosophy and Ethics at A Level provides you with excellent transferable skills, from essay writing and developing confidence in debating, to developing the ability to appreciate other viewpoints. These skills are highly valued by universities and are incredibly helpful in a range of University degrees, including History, English, Psychology, Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE). Religious Studies or a related subject at degree level can lead to a range of challenging and rewarding jobs, using either direct knowledge gained from the subject or from the skills gained. These include lecturing, teaching, counselling, lawyer, journalist, police officer, youth worker, and many more.

## Entry Requirements:

<b>GCSE</b>	Minimum requirement: Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature. A GCSE in Religious Studies is desirable, but is not essential. Religion, Philosophy and Ethics is accessible at A Level provided you are willing to engage with new ideas and can demonstrate strong writing skills.
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