

# GCSE RS: Philosophy and Ethics

## What will I learn?

The Philosophy and Ethics course provides students with the exciting opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of two religions, and explore philosophy and ethical studies in the modern world. It will inspire learners to engage in relevant topical issues and acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of major issues that are relevant to learners in the twenty-first century. Students will acquire skills that will be transferable across the curriculum. Religious Studies can open up the possibility of in-depth debate, which leads to critical evaluation and analysis.

## What do I need to know before I can start the course?

You need have no specific prior knowledge before you start the course, but some general sociological or religious knowledge is preferable. You do need to consider your commitment to the subject and the fact that the course relies on reading and writing.

## What does the course involve?

Beliefs, teachings and practice studying two religions assessed in two one hour exam papers.

Philosophy and Ethics in the Modern World from one religious perspective looking at of four themes:

- Relationships and Families
- The existence of God, gods and the Ultimate Reality
- Religion, Peace and Conflict
- Dialogue between Religious and Non-religious Beliefs and Attitudes

To be assessed in one 2 hour exam paper.

## What can I do after the course? What careers will this course be useful for?

RS: Philosophy and Ethics provides a good basis for many careers and further study because of the skills and practical knowledge it teaches you. You could use your study of RS: Philosophy and Ethics to study A levels in Citizenship, History, Sociology, English, Geography and Law.

The subject is highly thought of by employers and has links to careers in teaching, law, journalism, TV and film research, Medicine, the military, politics, the travel industry or public services like the police.

## Who can I talk to for more information?

Please see any of the RS teachers in the department.

## What websites can I check out?

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/298172-gcse-9-1-religious-studies-summary-brochure.pdf>

