

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics A Level

RELIGION, Philosophy and Ethics is all about questions. We aim to tackle some of the hardest, most important, and most interesting questions that a human being can face, such as: Can we prove that God exists? What makes a good person? Does everyone have the right to life? Examining these questions from both personal and academic perspectives is only the beginning of what this course is about.

Component 1: Philosophy of Religion

Religious Experience
Problems of Evil and
Suffering
Philosophical Language
Arguments for the
Existence of God

Component 2: Ethics

Ethical theories
Issues of life and death
Issues of animal and
environmental life
Free will and morality

Component 3: Christianity

Feminist Theology
Religion and Science
Liberation theology
Key moral principles of
Christianity
Core thinkers

Essential Skills

You will need to read and think independently. You will be expected to read books and journals, get involved in debates, undertake research of a given topic, and even lead lessons to deliver presentations. You will also write regular essays to build up your academic writing skills ahead of the exams.

Where could this take you?

A-Level RPE teaches you a whole host of skills, essential for both academic study and the wider world. Philosophers are always thinking critically and arguing on what to believe. Ethical thinkers consider our way of living and how to choose the best outcome. Theologians are searching for truth about why we are here and if there is a God that put us here.

All of this decision-making, analysis and skills of argument means RPE has great transferable skills for all areas of life, as well as it being a highly academic subject.

Students will be well prepared for university level study and careers such as law, journalism, education, social work, medicine, management to name just a few.

How you will be assessed

Timed essays, student led presentations, and group work.

The end of the A Level course has three exams, one for each component, lasting two hours.



Entry Requirements

- Grade 6 or above in English
- Grade 5 in a Humanities subject is preferred