

Key Stage 5

AQA Religious Studies A Level

Philosophy & Ethics and the Study of Religion and Dialogues

We follow the AQA Religious Studies Course which is studied over two years, with the exam at the end of Year 13.

AQA Religious Studies A Level "offers a range of faith-specific options, ensuring students have a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints.

The course features a variety of relevant and contemporary themes, to help inspire engaging classroom discussion. Students will also gain critical and evaluative skills sought after by higher education and employers." (ref: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-7062>)

Topics Covered per Half Term

Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Component 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• God Component 1 Philosophy of Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arguments for The Existence of God	Component 1 Philosophy of Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Religious Language• Miracles• Self, death and the afterlife
Autumn 2	Component 1 Ethics and Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normative Ethical Theories• The application of NML, SE and VE to issues of human life and death and issues of non-human life and death.	Component 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christianity, gender and sexuality (Developments in Christian thought, including feminist approaches). Component 1 Ethics and Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Meta Ethics• Free Will and Moral responsibility.• Bentham and Kant• Conscience

Spring 1	<p>Component 1 Philosophy of Religion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evil and Suffering • Religious Experience 	<p>Component 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity, gender and sexuality (Developments in Christian thought, including feminist approaches). • Christianity, migration and religious pluralism. • The dialogue between Christianity and Philosophy.
Spring 2	<p>Component 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sources of Wisdom and Authority • Good conduct and key moral principles 	<p>Component 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity and Science. • Christianity and the challenge of secularisation. • The dialogue between Christianity and Ethics.
Summer 1	<p>Component 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self, death and the afterlife 	<p>Component 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dialogue between Christianity and Philosophy.
Summer 2	<p>Component 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressions of religious identity <p>After Year 12 Mock Exams Start:</p> <p>Component 1 Philosophy of Religion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Language <p>Component 1 Ethics and Religion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Meta Ethics 	<p>Component 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dialogue between Christianity and Ethics. <p>Examination</p>