

Curriculum & Course Overview

Subject: A Level Religious Studies	
Key Stage	KS5
Exam Board	Edexcel Religious Studies
Examination	Paper 1- Philosophy (2hrs) Paper 2- Ethics (2hrs) Paper 3- Study of Religion- Buddhism- Paper 4A- (2hrs) There is no coursework
Specification	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/religious-studies-2016.html
Overview of the Key Content	<p><u>Year 12</u></p> <p>Year 12- Philosophy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Design Argument - The Cosmological Argument - The Ontological Argument - The nature of religious experience - The influence of religious experience as an argument for the existence of God. - The Problem of Evil and Suffering - Theodicies and solutions to the problem of suffering <p>Year 12- Ethics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Issues - Equality - Utilitarianism - Situation Ethics - Natural Moral Law - War and Peace - Sexual Ethics <p>Year 12- Study of Religion (Buddhism)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Religious beliefs, values and teachings - The life of the Buddha - The Tipitaka - Distinctive practices of Theravada Buddhism - Distinctive practices of Mahayana Buddhism - Meditation <p><u>Year 13</u></p> <p>Year 13- Philosophy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Religious Language - Critiques of religious belief - A comparison between a critic of religion, Bertrand Russell, and a religious believer, Frederick Copleston. - Views about life after death across a range of religious traditions - Points for discussion about life after death - Religion and science debates and their significance for philosophy of religion.

	<p>Year 13- Ethics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meta- ethics - The relationship between religion and morality - Deontology- Kant - Virtue Ethics- Aristotle - Medical Ethics <p>Year 13- Study of Religion (Buddhism)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The spread of Buddhism - Triratna Buddhism - The role of women in Buddhism - Bodhisattva doctrine - The interpretation and application of ahimsa - Issues in contemporary society
Homework	<p>Teams</p> <p>Set daily</p>
Holland Park Resources	<p>Revision notes provided throughout the academic year</p> <p>Quotation banks provided throughout the academic year</p>
Revision Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note packs provided on a topic by topic basis. • One drive folder • Note packs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annotated anthologies uploaded ○ Additional readings and resources ○ Essay structures ○ Revision Maps ○ The specification • Philosophy Dungeon- https://philosophydungeon.weebly.com/
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