

A Level Philosophy and Theology – Subject Information Sheet

Why choose A Level Philosophy & Theology?

Fascinating and enlightening, Philosophy & Theology is an excellent subject choice. 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 such as essay writing, developing confidence in debating, to developing the ability to appreciate other viewpoints. The A level syllabus combines the in-depth study of the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics with the study of Christianity and the development of thought within it.

Description of the course (including a short breakdown of topics for each paper)

At the end of the course, you will take three exam papers. One 2-hour paper in Ethics, One 2-hour paper in Philosophy of Religion, and One 2-hour paper in Christianity.

AS-Level/Year12:

Philosophy of Religion	Ethics	Developments in Religious Thought
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Philosophical Influences • The Nature of the Soul, Mind, and Body • Arguments for the existence and non-existence of God • The Nature and Impact of Religious Experience • The Challenge of the Problem of Evil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normative ethical theories (natural law, situation ethics, Kantian ethics, utilitarianism) • The application of ethical theories to two contemporary issues (euthanasia and business ethics) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Augustine on human nature • Death and the afterlife • Knowledge of God • Person of Jesus Christ • Christian moral principles • Christian moral action

A2-Level/Year 13:

Philosophy of Religion	Ethics	Developments in Religious Thought
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Language, classical and modern views • Ideas about the nature and attributes of God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual Ethics • Conscience (Aquinas & Freud) • Meta-ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious pluralism and society and theology • Gender and society and theology • Challenge of secularism • Liberation theology and Marx

What other subjects would work well with A Level Philosophy and Theology?

Philosophy & Theology works well with other essay-based subjects such as English & History, but its ability to improve analysis also works well with Mathematics and Science and shows you are a well-rounded candidate who can utilise a wide-range of skills.

Want to find out more? Here are some useful websites and resources to use.

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/>
Provides important specification and examination information

http://www.rsrevision.com/contents/newalevel_ocr.html *Provides helpful information about course content*

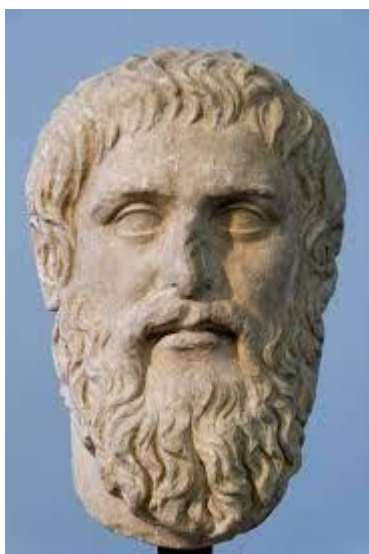
<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/theology-and-religious-studies/schools-engagement/trs-chester-level-webinars> *Very interesting podcasts on areas of religious studies*

Educational Progression and Career Opportunities.

What possible careers or degree subjects would A Level (subject) be useful for?

A level Philosophy & Theology can provide you with excellent transferable skills which can be incredibly helpful in a range of University degrees involving critical thinking and discussion e.g. Humanities, English, Psychology, 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. Possible jobs from a Philosophy or Theology degree include: Lecturing, teaching, advice worker, archivist, work within 'third sector' organisations, counselling, community development worker, and police officer or youth worker.



*Is what is moral commanded
by God because it is moral,
or is it moral because it is
commanded by God?*

Plato 428-348 BC