

## Type of course – A Level

### Course Overview

Develop knowledge and understanding of religions and non-religious beliefs, such as atheism and humanism and other world views.

Reflect on and develop value, belief, meaning, purpose, and influence on human life.

Communication skills, reading & essay writing (construct a solid argument), collaboration, investigation & enquiry, evaluation & become a reflective reader.

### Course Content

**Component 1:** Philosophy of religion and ethics  
What's assessed.

**Section A:** Philosophy of religion

Arguments for the existence of God, Evil & suffering, Religious experience, language, Miracles, Life after death.

**Component 2:** Study of religion and dialogues  
(option 2D: Islam)

What's assessed.

**Section B:** Ethics & religion

Ethical theories, Issues of human life and death, Issues of animal life and death, Introduction to meta ethics, Free will & moral responsibility, Conscience, Bentham & Kant.

### Assessment

**Component 1: Written exam: 3 hours, 100 marks, 50% of A-level**

**Section A:** Philosophy of religion – two compulsory two-part questions, each worth 10 marks and 15 marks.

**Section B:** Ethics and religion – two compulsory two-part questions, each worth 10 marks and 15 marks. In both sections, questions may span more than one topic. In each two-part question, the first part tests AO1 and the second part tests AO2.

**Component 2: Written exam: 3 hours, 100 marks, 50% of A-level**

**Section A:** Study of religion – two compulsory two-part questions, each worth 10 marks and 15 marks relating to the religion chosen. Qs may be on more than one topic. In each two-part question, the first part tests AO1 and the second part tests AO2.

**Section B:** The dialogue between philosophy of religion and religion – one unstructured synoptic question from a choice of two (25 marks).

**Section C:** The dialogue between ethical studies & religion – one unstructured synoptic Q from a choice of two (25 marks).

### Careers and Opportunities for Further Study

- Higher Education Lecturer
- Charity fundraiser
- Politics & Law
- Teacher
- Counsellor
- Civil Service administrator,
- International aid/Developer/Mediator
- NHS Management & Operations

### Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in RE and English language