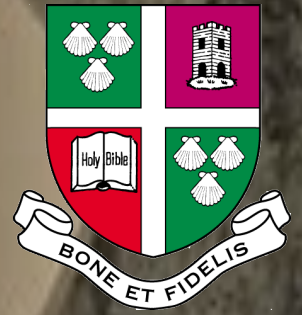


Philosophy &
Religious Studies
Department



A-LEVEL PHILOSOPHY

AQA A-LEVEL PHILOSOPHY

Why choose Philosophy?

This specification has been designed to introduce students to the key methods and concepts in philosophy through the study of four broad themes: Epistemology; Moral Philosophy, Metaphysics of God and Metaphysics of Mind. Students will develop and refine a range of transferable skills, such as the ability to ask penetrating questions, to analyse and evaluate the arguments of others and to present their own arguments clearly and logically.

The philosophy specification asks these questions:

- What can we know?
- How do we make moral decisions?
- Can the existence of God be proved?
- Are my mind and body separate?

These questions are fundamental and the material covered in the specification not only provides students with a good understanding of how these debates have, so far, been framed, but also acts as a springboard for consideration and discussion of students' own ideas.

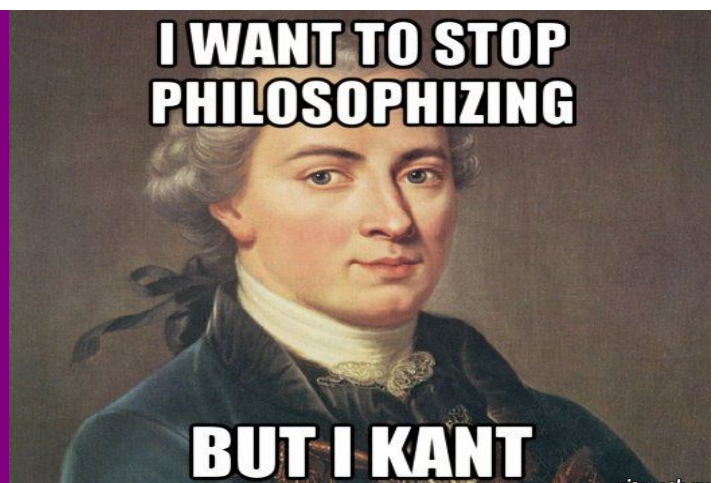
The range of question types ensures that students are assessed across a core of important philosophical skills. Short-tariff items assess the students' accuracy and precision; longer-tariff items assess their ability to articulate a particular argument in a clear and concise way; and open-ended writing tasks assess their ability to construct and evaluate arguments. Students do not have to study GCSE RS to access the A-level Philosophy course.

STAFFING AND PROVISION



A-level Philosophy will be delivered by Miss Jackson (BA, MA)
Mr Jennings (BA, MA) and Miss Holloway (BA),
across 12 x 55 minute lessons per two week cycle.

If you have any further questions
about the subject please do not
hesitate to ask a member of staff.



Philosophy students are increasingly sought after by Universities and employers from a wide range of career pathways. This is because the thinking skills developed studying philosophy are highly valued. It is a subject that fits very well with many others.

Those who wish to apply to good universities or work in fields such as: administration/government, advertising and marketing, journalism, medical services, social work, counselling, psychotherapy, policing, broadcasting and publishing, will find A-Level Philosophy a very useful qualification for furthering their opportunities.

This is a new specification and students will be required to read and familiarise themselves with key philosophical texts. They will need to have a good understanding of English Language; confidence and ability to contribute to class discussion and the ability to write in a well structured way.

Exam Board—AQA

Section 1: Epistemology, Section 2: Moral Philosophy

(50% of A-level, 3 hour written examination)

Section 3: Metaphysics of God, Section 4: Metaphysics of Mind

(50% of A-level, 3 hour written examination)

There is no coursework.