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Philosophy of Religion and Religious

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Academic Requirements

There are no prior knowledge requirements for this subject. However a B in GCSE Religious Studies or a subject such as English Literature or History will indicate that you have the necessary skills to succeed. An interest in human values, morality and human nature is essential. You should also have a lively enquiring mind and willingness to question and debate.

Course Specification: Edexcel Religious Studies. Paper, 1, 2 and 4 will be covered.

Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion written examination: 2 hours 33.33% of the qualification

Content overview: Philosophical issues and questions; The nature and influence of religious experience; Problems of evil and suffering; Philosophical language; Works of scholars; Influences of developments in religious belief.

Paper 2: Religion and Ethics written examination: 2 hours 33.33% of the qualification

Content overview: Significant concepts in issues or debates in religion and ethics; A study of three ethical theories; Application of ethical theories to issues of importance; Ethical language; Deontology, Virtue Ethics and the works of scholars; Medical ethics: beginning and end of life issues.

Paper 4: New Testament Studies: written examination 2 Hours 33.3% of the qualification

Content overview: Social, historical and religious context of the New Testament.

Why study Religion, Philosophy and Ethics?

This is a subject of great diversity. You will be required to keep an open mind and consider both the believer's and the sceptic's point of view. These are useful skills for any Arts or Humanities degree and the need to question sources and consider bias would be good preparation for future careers such as law or journalism. You must have a keen awareness of issues of perennial concern and an interest in current affairs; reference will be



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made to news items and developments in the fields of medicine, law and order and aspects of government. Anyone interested in how our society has been shaped by its history and the part religion has played in the development of its moral codes, should consider this subject.

A Student's Perspective

“Religious Studies is an engaging and eye opening subject which allows us to bring understanding and clarity to some of the big questions in life. It enhances our essay writing skills whilst at the same time deepening and broadening our insight into the basis of many fundamental beliefs. We debate interesting topics such as the meaning of God and the morality of war”