

Religious Studies: Philosophy and Ethics A-level

Exam board: OCR

Where do I start?

You must meet the minimum entry requirements of Wootton Park VI. For this subject you must have obtained a **Grade 6 GCSE English and a Humanities based subject – Religious Studies, Geography or History.**

RS – about the subject:

At Wootton Park School Religious Studies is an enquiry-based subject, in which learners are challenged to understand complex philosophical and ethical concepts. Learners work with a diverse range of written texts and source materials. They will learn to analyse and to question these materials in a critical way. Religious Studies is a most engaging and challenging subject with great academic reward!

Philosophers have a love for knowledge and question deeply how humans arrive at various conclusions about life, their own existence, the universe and God. Ethical topics further challenge us to consider how we relate to each other and the world, which actions are 'right' and 'wrong' and in how far the consensus on what we perceive as right and wrong actions informs our personal choices.

What type of learner chooses RS?

We encourage every type of learner to engage with this course! It is suitable for keen scientists as well as learners enjoying Humanities. You may be a strong philosopher already, but this course also benefits those learners wishing to expand her/his ability at analysis, essay writing, research, communication and problem solving. It therefore provides a multitude of transferable skills.



What aspects of the subject will I be studying?

The course is divided into three sections:

1. Philosophy of Religion
2. Ethics
3. Christian Thought

The A-level is entirely exam based and no coursework will be completed. Each component is worth 33% of the final grade.

How will I be assessed?

You will have termly essays and factual tests. You will complete past paper questions to test your skills against examination criteria. You will also complete mock examinations to prepare you for your final examination.

What are the career/higher education prospects?

Popular career paths include Public sector, Law, Education/ Teaching, Academia, Politics, Economics. A level Religious Studies is strong academic choice, which will be a solid foundation for a variety of degree courses. These include Religious Studies, History, Archaeology, Languages, Classics, Economics, Law and Politics.