

A level Religious Studies

Course Details

Philosophy of Religion and Ethics and Religion are to some extent new topics to many of you, although you will be aware of elements of some of the aspects of study from your GCSE Religious Studies.



The ***Philosophy of Religion*** aspect will be very different from anything you have covered before and, in simple terms, it is the science of questioning and the answers scholars have explored regarding important issues throughout time.



Ethics and Religion will be more familiar - you will recognise some of the ethical issues from GCSE RE - although it will also examine what helps us decide on issues of human and animal life and death.

A-level Philosophy of Religion

- Problem of evil and suffering
- Religious language
- Design argument
- Cosmological argument
- Ontological argument
- Religious language

A-Level Ethics and Religion

- Medical ethics
- War and peace
- Sexual ethics
- Environmental issues
- Equality
- Ethical language
- Situation ethics
- Natural moral law
- Utilitarianism
- Deontology
- Virtue ethics
- Ethical language



Assessment

There are four examinations to be completed at the end of Year 13. Each assessment is 2 hours in length and carry equal weight in regard to marks.

Background Recommendations

It is recommended that candidates will have achieved at least a grade 5 in Religious Studies at GCSE. As the course is heavily literacy based it is also recommended that candidates will have also achieved at least a grade 5 in English Language.

Skills Required

Candidates will be expected to 'read around' the topics covered and be prepared to work on essay writing and analytical skills, as well as questioning and debating skills.

Extra-Curricular

Year 12 and Year 13 trip for example to the Chester Ghost tour, student conference.
Study skills session.
Examination workshop.

Future Career Prospects

The skills that Theology encourages will always be in high demand: the ability to think and write clearly. Students gain critical and evaluative skills sought by higher education and employers – particularly in law, education, social work, politics, medicine, administration and the media.

In short, Theology encourages the development of skills that will aid candidates in further education, is a subject that is highly regarded by Universities and that can be applied to any line of future employment.

For More Information

Students interested in studying Ethics and Religion and the Philosophy of religion, should contact the Head of Department or subject staff.

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Syllabus

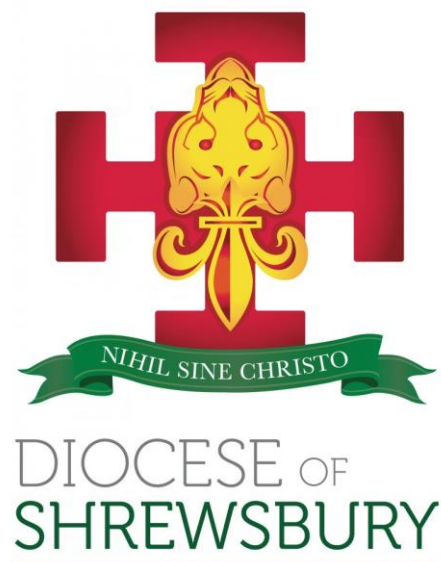
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Current Exam Board

Edexcel

Website

Further details of this course can be found on the exam boards' website.



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