

# PHILOSOPHY

## Philosophy and Ethics



**Examination Board:** AQA  
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### Course Structure

Unit	Topics/Unit Title	Assessment	A Level (%)
1	Epistemology	Written Assessment	25%
2	Ethics	Written Assessment	25%
3	Metaphysics of Mind	Written Assessment	25%
4	Metaphysics of God	Written Assessment	25%

### What does the course involve?

These are the types of questions and issues we will explore in Philosophy...

#### Epistemology

What is knowledge? Is colour mind independent? Do we possess any innate knowledge? Is there any knowledge that is beyond reasonable doubt?

#### Ethics

Is happiness the only thing in life worth working for? Should we follow absolute moral rules? Is moral language based in objective fact? Is euthanasia moral?

#### Metaphysics of Mind

Are the mind and body distinct? What is consciousness? Artificial Intelligence

#### Metaphysics of God

Can we prove the existence of God? The Problem of Evil. Is religious language meaningless?

### Further Study/Employment Prospects

Philosophy supports a wide range of professions including law, medicine, journalism, media, teaching, the arts and any occupation that basks to think critically, problem solve and engage with life's most challenging questions!

Philosophy is regarded by all universities as a rigorous, challenging and academic A Level. It gives any university application the X Factor and demonstrates that you can think for yourself because you have a broader perspective on life's big questions and issues and can express and develop arguments critically on such issues.

### Entry Requirements

- **Skills:** Critical thinking skills of the highest level. The cut and thrust of philosophical argument and debate. The ability to engage in deep reflection. The courage to question and challenge accepted ways of thinking. The skills of independent thinking, teamwork, confidence and social skills.
- **Interests:** An interest in life's big philosophical and ethical issues would certainly help!
- **Qualifications:** A strong pass in RE is recommended because of the difficulty of the subject. However no prior knowledge is assumed.