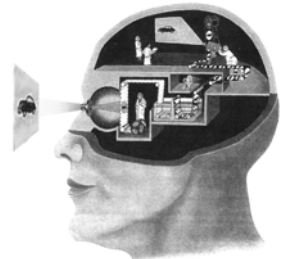
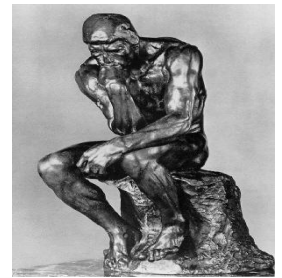


AS / A2 R.S: Philosophy and Ethics OCR (1-2 years)

Why Choose Philosophy and Ethics?

- AS/A-level courses in this subject are particularly welcome in candidates for university degrees in such subjects as: ENGLISH, PHILOSOPHY, ANTHROPOLOGY, SOCIAL STUDIES, LAW as well as, of course THEOLOGY and RELIGIOUS STUDIES. It is also a useful complementary subject for those hoping to study MEDICINE.
- An A-level (or degree) course in religion includes the study of ideas, literature, language and history and so it is a broad education in itself. For this reason an A-level in it is also particularly suitable as a preparation for degrees in HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY, CLASSICS and ENGLISH.



Course outline

AS Level

- The study of **ethical theories** such as: Natural law, Kantian ethics, Utilitarianism. Applied ethics in the following topics: Abortion, Euthanasia, Genetic engineering and War and Peace.
- The study of ancient Greek **philosophers** such as Plato and Aristotle. A study of philosophical ideas about God found in religious scripture and arguments for and against the existence of God. Challenges to religious belief from science and the problem of evil.

Assessment Methods:

Two 1.5 hr written exams (Required to answer two essay questions from a choice of four)

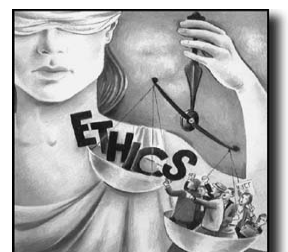
A2 Level

- The study of **ethical theories** and ideas such as: Free Will and Determinism, Conscience and Virtue ethics. Applied ethics in the following topics: Business, Environment and Sexual ethics.
- Religious Language, Religious Experiences and **philosophical ideas** about the nature of God. The relationship between the body and the soul and Life after Death.

Assessment Methods:

Is Philosophy and Ethics a good choice in terms of getting a job?

At all levels it is considered a particularly suitable qualification for all kinds of caring work, especially social work, management, civil service posts, teaching, nursing, other work with children or the elderly or handicapped.



Skills Needed

- Preferably pupils who have achieved a grade A* or A in their R.S GCSE.
- Pupils will need to be skilled at constructing relevant and coherent arguments using evidence appropriately to support your ideas
- Good literacy skills and the ability to analyse difficult texts.
- Strong analytical skills and essay writing techniques.

