St Benedict's Sixth Form

A Level Philosophy and Ethics

Course Description

Philosophy and Ethics is a challenging subject that builds upon the knowledge, understanding and evaluative skills that students have developed through the study of GCSE Religious Studies and other Humanities subjects. The focus of the course is very different in content to the GCSE course with much greater emphasis placed on the study of Philosophy and Ethics. It combines well with the Science subjects as well as the Arts and Humanities. This subject is designed for those students who have an enquiring mind, who want to think more deeply about moral issues and want to debate the ultimate questions in life. You will be given the opportunity to explore a range of ethical and philosophical theories and concepts. You will challenged to think deeply about these theories and apply them to a variety of philosophical, ethical and religious dilemmas, giving you the time to form your own considered and informed opinions. We aim to help foster free thinking, open debate and a genuine love of learning.

Skills Attained

Philosophy and Ethics is a dynamic and living subject that opens students' eyes and minds to the diverse, ever changing multicultural world they live in and to the most important questions in life. It connects them with past, present and future allowing them to be confident in knowing who they are, strengthened in their faith and religious beliefs and armed with the ability to engage in ethical and philosophical debate. It will equip them with a range of transferable skills including essay writing, analytical and strategic thinking, critical judgment, problem solving, leadership skills and research skills. Taking Philosophy and Ethics will ensure that you have the necessary academic skills for further university study but will also ensure you are ready to enter into the world of work as a well-rounded person with conviction and compassion.

Assessment

Accreditation for this A Level is awarded by OCR. Assessment is 100% written exam.

These exams are based upon content covered in the religion, philosophy and ethics modules.

Progression

Philosophy and Ethics is a widely accepted, highly regarded and popular qualification that provides a solid academic foundation that is relevant for a wide variety of university courses and careers.

The Russell Group universities have made it clear that a Philosophy and Ethics A Level provides suitable preparation for university.

Many careers look for someone with an enquiring mind, an appreciation of other people's point of view and an ability to make clear, informed decisions.

An A Level in Philosophy and Ethics would help build the foundations for a career in teaching, youth work, social work, charity work, medicine, nursing, journalism, television broadcasting, law, politics, the police, the armed forces, administration and management.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE RE

Exam Board: OCR

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