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# Notre Dame

## Sixth Form

Exam Board OCR (H573)

## Philosophy & Ethics

### If you have >>

5 GCSE passes and a minimum of a grade 6 in Religious Studies and English Language.

### You can >>

enrol on the A Level course in Religious Studies.

### This will mean >>

at the end of this study candidates will have gained an increasingly popular and nationally recognised qualification that is especially well respected by all universities. The course develops the following skills:

**Essay Writing:** expressing yourself clearly and formulating convincing lines of argument

**Debating:** expressing an argument persuasively and listening to the arguments of others

**Researching:** seeking details surrounding ethical issues and the views of philosophers

**Presenting:** communicating topics researched to the class

**Analysis:** weighing up the strengths of arguments and considering issues from many angles

### This course will appeal to any student who >>

is interested in exploring questions about the existence of God/ the Universe and how we understand the difference between right and wrong. You must be open to new and challenging ideas & concepts and be a thinker

### You will >>

*in Year 12*—- **A1** Study 3 units of assessment

*in Year 13*—**A2** - Study 3 further units of assessment, as well as the three year 12 units as a full A level qualification.

### Course Modules are >>

#### *in Year 12 01* — **Philosophy of Religion**

Learners will study:

- ancient philosophical influences
- the nature of the soul, mind and body
- arguments about the existence or non-existence of God
- the nature and impact of religious experience
- the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil

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### **02 – Religion & Ethics**

Learners will study:

- normative ethical theories
- the application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance

### **03 - Developments in Religious Thought**

Learners will study:

- religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world
- sources of religious wisdom and authority
- practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition

**Assessment: End of year internal assessment**

*in Year 13—*

### **01 – Philosophy of Religion**

Learners will study:

IN ADDITION TO YR12:

- ideas about the nature of God
- issues about the meaning of religious language.

### **02 – Religion & Ethics**

Learners will study:

IN ADDITION TO YR12:

- ethical language and thought
- debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience
- sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs.

### **03 - Developments of Religious Thought**

Learners will study:

IN ADDITION TO YR12:

- significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought
- key themes related to the relationship between religion and society

### **A Level Assessment:**

Written exams :

Philosophy of Religion (2 hours).  
Religion & Ethics (2 hours).  
Developments in Religious Thought (2 hours)

**With this subject you could >>**

develop the skills needed to support applications into especially: law, medicine, teaching and journalism

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