A LEVEL PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION & ETHICS

Religious Studies invites you to explore philosophical beliefs that have shaped Western civilisation. The course provides a critical understanding of ideas about the self, the world we live in, moral values and the meaning of life and death.

Level 3 · A Level (or equivalent) · Penwith College

TOP COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

PHILOSOPHICAL AND ETHICAL DILEMMAS | THOUGHT-PROVOKING DEBATES | MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES | LEARN HOW TO STRUCTURE ARGUMENTS

WIDEN YOUR PERSPECTIVE

We will approach the course from a philosophical perspective. You will need to be prepared to take view-points seriously even if you disagree with them. It will be important for you to listen to points of view which you may not share and approach them with both a critical and respectful attitude.

SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE

Classes often involve a lot of discussion often based on short challenging texts. You will develop the skills and confidence to take in ideas and information rapidly, turn it around and speak out and have your opinions heard. This is a valuable transferrable skill for may careers.

DEVELOP A REFLECTIVE APPROACH

You will be encouraged to adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion. In turn this will allow you to reflect on and develop your own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of this study.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

Within this course you will consider how Religion, Ethics and Philosophy are intertwined within culture, law, medicine, social care, environment, and politics. If you are looking to pursue a career as a lawyer, politician, teacher, doctor, social activist, diplomat, aid worker, police officer (or any job that works with people) then this course will provide you with a range of transferable skills essential for the modern workplace. Students are trained in the application of rigorous logic through the development of a wide variety of skills including independent critical thought, analytical reasoning, and persuasive communication. Lectures often involve discussion and debate following learning on the perspectives of key philosophers and theologians and get the opportunity to explore these ideas in a modern-day context too.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Within the course we explore three topic areas, Philosophy of Religion, Ethics, and the Study of Christianity: **Philosophy of Religion:** In this unit you will consider the types of evidence that are offered for belief in God, you will evaluate both this evidence and evidence offered for rejection of religious belief. We will also consider the nature of religious argument by considering several possible approaches. An important part of the work is to think about the basis of our beliefs. Some philosophers believe that we can only rely upon the evidence of our senses, but others point out that our senses can

deceive us and search for something more certain.

WHERE WILL IT TAKE ME?

Throughout the course you will develop a wide range of invaluable skills that will enable you to s d within Higher Education as well as a plethora of future careers. Given the emphasis of ethics in this course, it might be useful for those considering careers in law or medicine. If you wish to pursue a career as a philosopher or theologian, then you will need to study the subject at undergraduate level at university and progress onto a masters or PhD.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For all A Levels a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above in appropriate subjects, to include English Language or Literature and/or Maths at Grade 5 or above is required. To study Philosophy you should be able to offer at least GCSE Grade 6 in English Language and at least Grade 5 in Mathematics plus at least three other GCSEs at Grade 4 and above. It is not a requirement to have taken Religious Studies or PRE at GCSE. You will need to be a confident reader, able to write fluently and have good factual recall. Above all you should have a real interest in the subject.

IMPORTANT

Course information can change. Please use the QR code below for the current assessment arrangements, entry requirements and start dates.

FOR THE LATEST COURSE INFORMATION

Scan for assessment arrangements, learner support, confirmed start dates and how to apply.