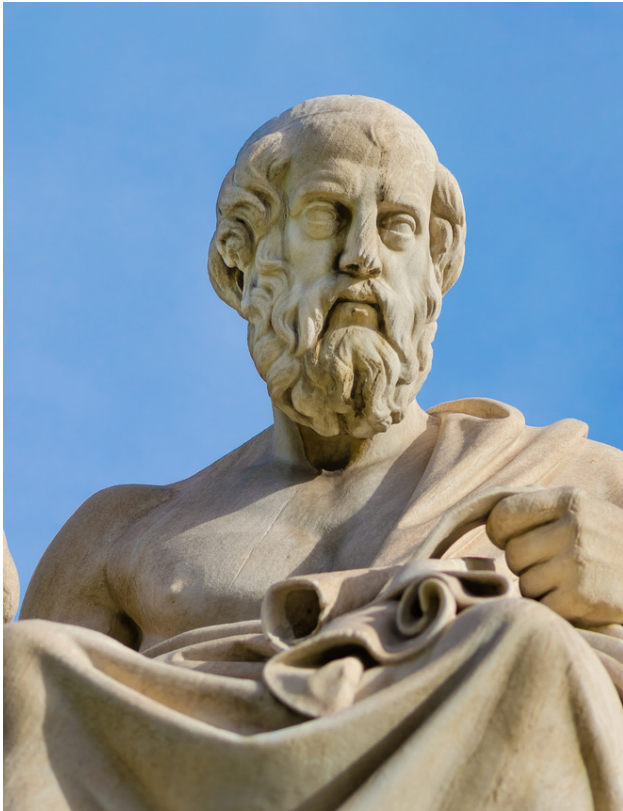


RS (Philosophy & Ethics)

Exam Board: OCR



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Course Summary

A Level RS (Philosophy and Ethics) introduces you to a variety of new, interesting, thought provoking and academically rigorous topics from Plato's cave to Aristotle's prime mover, Nietzsche's 'God is dead' to Aquinas 'necessary being', Aristotle's virtue ethics to Bentham's 'greatest happiness for the greatest number'. The course gives you an insight of ideas that have shaped thinking in politics, business, law and medical ethics, among other fields.

You will study philosophical issues and questions raised by religion and belief. You will consider arguments regarding the existence or non-existence of God, the nature and influence of religious experience and the problems of evil and suffering. You will explore the beliefs, values, teachings and practices that shape religious identity, as well as sources of wisdom and authority. You will look into the ways in which religious traditions have developed over time, and the religious responses to challenges and significant contemporary social issues.

You will explore philosophical language and thought, through significant concepts and the works of key thinkers. You will study how ethical theory can be applied to issues of importance; such as euthanasia, business ethics, and sexual ethics.

Entry Requirements

GCSE Religious Studies is not a requirement but where students have completed the course, a Grade 5 is required.

Course Assessment

This is a linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject will be committing to a two-year linear course with all units examined at the end of Year 13.

Where might it lead?

RS (Philosophy and Ethics) is one of the fastest growing A Levels. All universities and employers recognise the importance of this subject. The subject can lead to further education or careers in law, theology and religious studies, philosophy, history, medicine, scientific research, the police force, teaching, civil service and politics among others.



The subject studies how humans understand the world around them. We consider how we make our moral choices and try to provide clues to life's bigger questions. We take part in plenty of debates and look at the study of philosophical, theological and ethical theories which underpin and structure our world today. **ABBIE**

