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Philosophy and Ethics

Exam Board: Edexcel

Contact Teacher: Miss L Cull

Why study Philosophy and Ethics?

Do you have an enquiring mind? Do you sometimes find yourself asking questions about life and the world that there is no simple answer to? Maybe there are answers.

This course is like nothing you have ever studied before. It is nothing like your GCSE in Religious Studies. In this course we are concerned with looking at why and how the universe came into existence. We investigate the concept of good and evil and why bad things might happen.

Do you ever find yourself wondering about things that are right or wrong? Do we all go through the same processes to come to these decisions? Are there any set rules for this or do we make them up as we go along?

We all make decisions everyday of our lives. They can be simple or they can be highly complex and have a massive impact. Faced with the same situation twice we may make completely different and opposite decisions yet they might be correct on each occasion. We have to make moral choices about all kinds of things. This course will help you to do this.

Course details

AS level

Unit 1: Philosophical Foundations

Unit 2: Ethical Foundations

Investigations: An independent study into an area of philosophy or ethics, examined through a controlled examination paper.

A2 level

Unit 3: Philosophical Developments

Unit 4: Ethical Developments

How is the course taught and assessed?

The course is taught in an active and engaging manner and involves a great deal of philosophical and ethical debate. Students are encouraged to be independent learners and will be expected to do their own reading of philosophical and ethical theory in preparation for lessons and essay writing.

Entry requirements

Anyone intending to take Philosophy and Ethics at A level will normally be expected to have achieved 6 GCSEs at grade C or above which includes English Language and Mathematics.