

PHILOSOPHY

Examination Board: AQA

Syllabus Number: AS-5171 A2-6171

Why should I choose this course?

Are you a puppet and someone (thing) else is pulling the strings? Is the table in front of you really there? (Even when you close your eyes?) When is it right to terminate life? Do animals have rights? Is God dead?

Philosophy is a wide ranging subject and is a good preparation for studying Politics, Law, Ethics, History of Ideas, Journalism, Social Sciences, Foreign Relations and Religious Studies, as well as Philosophy at University.

Entry Requirements

There are no specific GCSE subject requirements, but a wide range of passes at higher grades would be expected.

Higher Education and Careers

The aim of the course is to strengthen a student's ability to analyse; reason logically, discuss and express arguments and is an ideal basis for any/all Higher Education courses, particularly, careers in Administration and Management, Diplomacy, Law, Personnel, Teaching, Journalism and the Media, Politics and Religion, where it is important to think clearly, understand another person's point of view, argue a case and criticise opposing opinions and distinguish fact from opinion.

Course Content

AS Level consists of two units and candidates study two themes in each unit.

The four themes that we will be offering are:

- Why should I be moral?
- The idea of God
- God and the world
- The debate about free will and determinism

A detailed specification will be available on the AQA website

A2 level consists of two themes and a set book

The two themes that we will be offering are:

- Moral philosophy
- Philosophy of religion

The set book is: 'Beyond Good and Evil', (Nietzsche)

Assessment

Each unit and theme is assessed by examination

Students may find overlaps between this subject and A level RS, which may be helpful.