

Philosophy and Religious Studies Department Curriculum Overview



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Key Stage 3

Philosophy and Religious Studies students are provided with a basic understanding of all the major world religions, are encouraged to ask Philosophical questions and to create simple arguments for and against issues at Key Stage 3. Students will gain a vocabulary of key terms which will help them discuss religions more articulately and academically.

Key Stage 4

At GCSE the students' religious knowledge is built upon so they have an in depth understanding of Christianity and Buddhism. They are taught how to develop complex arguments for and against topical issues. A love of learning is fostered and many students begin to explore academic ideas independently from the classroom.

Key Stage 5

Students move away from the study of religion, but continue to develop the skills of developing arguments and understanding, memorising and explaining in detail abstract ideas. Students will also gain an appreciation of the history of Philosophy through studying Philosophers from Plato to the present day.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Y7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meta-cognition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancient Egyptian Religion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judaism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christianity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Islam

Y8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>If</i> Odyssey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>If</i> Odyssey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to Philosophy of Religion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hinduism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sikhism
Y9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Big Questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Thinking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity: beliefs and Teachings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion and Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion and Life
Y10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhism Beliefs and Teachings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhism Practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy of Religion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy of Religion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion, Peace and Conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion, Peace and Conflict
Y11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity Practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision 		
Y12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilitarianism • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kantian Ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtue Ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meta-Ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy project
Y 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attributes of God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arguments relating to the existence of God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision 		