

What will I study?

AS Level (H173)

1:/ Philosophy of Religion

Arguments about the existence or non-existence of God

What is a 'Religious Experience' and how may it affect a person?

How may evil and suffering challenge Religious belief?

The nature of the soul, mind and body

The possibility of whether there is a life after death

2:/ Ethics:

Different forms of ethical theories on how to determine how we should act.

Applying these ethical theories to two contemporary issues of importance

Reflecting on ethical language and thought.

3:/ Developments in Religious Thought (Within Christianity):

Religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world

Sources of religious wisdom and authority

Practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition

A2 Level (H573)

In addition to continuing their studies on the topics listed in the AS Course outline A2 students will further their studies to include:

1:/ Philosophy of Religion:

Ideas about the nature of God

Issues in the meaning and use of Religious Language.

2:/ Ethics:

Debates surrounding the significant ideas of conscience and free will

The influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs and the philosophy of religion

3:/ Developments of Religious Thought (Within Christianity):

Practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition

Significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought

Key themes related to the relationship between religion and society.

Assessment

Three one hour externally assessed exams. Each exam is marked out of 30 and contributed 33.3% of the final grade.