

# PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION AND ETHICS AS LEVEL

## EXAMINATION BOARD: OCR

This subject is not included in option blocks. It is offered only on demand and taught through the Oxbridge tutorial method. It is an intellectual subject and requires a high standard of critical thought and independent learning.

## WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

This course gives you the opportunity to study some of the fundamental questions which people have always asked about life: why are we here, how should we behave and what happens when we die? It develops the student's ability to ask key questions and evaluate different responses to them, whilst acknowledging that adequate answers are not always easy to come by. Students are required to analyse arguments critically and the skills developed provide an excellent accompaniment to Critical Thinking, Psychology, English, History and many other subjects. It is also a useful complement to science subjects, particularly for those wishing to follow a career in medicine.

Studying this subject is important because it deals with issues affecting every single human being and, as such, should be regarded as a lesson in life rather than simply as an academic course.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is not essential to have studied Religious Studies or Religious Education at GCSE but, if you have, then a Grade B is desirable. You will not, however, be at a disadvantage if you have not studied this subject before and the course is open to people of any religious belief, or none. You do not have to be religious in order to succeed at or be engaged in this subject.

## SUBJECT SPECIFICATION

<b>Unit G571: AS Philosophy of Religion</b>	1 ½ hour written examination
○ Ancient Greek influences on philosophy of religion	70 Marks
○ Judaeo-Christian influences on philosophy of religion	50% of total AS GCE
○ Traditional arguments for the existence of God	
○ Challenges to	
<b>Unit G572: AS Religious Ethics</b>	1 ½ hour written examination
○ Ethical theories	70 Marks
○ Applied ethics topics	50% of total AS GCE

## HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER CHOICES

Medicine, Law, Education, Social work, Politics, Administration, the Media

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Students or parents requiring any further details are most welcome to contact Mr N F Lambkin.