

# GET THE PICTURE ON OCR GCSE Philosophy and Ethics: Religious Studies B



"Who is more foolish, the child afraid of the dark or the man afraid of the light?" Maurice Freehill

Where in the world would we be without philosophy and ethics?

## Why OCR GCSE Religious Studies B: Philosophy and Applied Ethics? Let us put you in the picture.

If you're weighing up your GCSE options at the moment, take a minute to consider just what you might gain if you choose our Religious Studies B: Philosophy and Applied Ethics. Read on and let us explain a bit more...

## What's in it for me?

This ever-popular course offers a modern and inspiring option that will help you learn about the approaches of religion and philosophy to some of the fundamental questions about human existence, and of religion and ethics to some of the most important questions about how people behave and why.

It will enable you to gain a qualification in a subject you'll have studied for most of your school life, and to build on the foundation that has provided. In fact, it's a subject you'll continue with in Years 10 and 11, so you may feel it's worth studying for a qualification. It's a GCSE for students of all faiths – as well as for those who don't have one.

## How could it help with my future?

The course is an excellent basis for moving on to an A Level in the philosophy and ethics areas of Religious Studies.

It could also take you towards a number of careers, including working in the police or as a counsellor, social worker, nurse, youth worker, teacher or philosopher, in organisations such as the Peace Corps or Amnesty International, or in any career that requires an understanding of people. It might also be useful if you were thinking about becoming a religious figure – such as Priest, Rabbi, Imam, Monk or Nun.

# What are some of the things I'll learn?

This GCSE provides a more modern approach to studying topics related to between one and three religions. You'll look at today's issues – perhaps including things you see or read about in the news. You'll look at different philosophies and learn about ethics in areas such as medicine and in relation to peace and justice, poverty and wealth, and more.

You'll learn skills in interpreting and evaluating pieces of information, communicating and applying your knowledge, and in solving problems. You'll also have an opportunity to develop your debating skills.

### How will my work be assessed?

You'll have four 1-hour exams. Two of these will be based on what you'll study in your Philosophy units and two will be based on what you'll study in Ethics. Each exam is worth 25% of your total mark.

### What grades could I get?

You'll get a grade for each unit from A\* to G and then an overall grade for the whole course, which will also be from A\* to G.

#### Got any more questions?

If you think this GCSE is right for you, why not have a chat with your Religious Studies teacher?

