

**AS/A Level
Religious Studies**



Awarding Body: OCR

Who is the course for?

You will enjoy Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics if you are interested in learning how to think critically, logically and analytically. You will consider the writings of some of the greatest figures in intellectual history, Plato, Aristotle, Hume, Hick etc. In Ethics you will consider the most important moral issues of our time including an exploration of what we might mean by terms such as 'good' or 'evil'.

What can it lead to?

This course encourages you to think more deeply about some of the most important human questions that there are; as such it informs all aspects of our life. The skills you develop in examining issues from a variety of perspectives are ideally suited to a career in law, the emphasis in applied ethics will be very well matched for a career in medicine and health and social care.

What are the entry requirements?

At least six 9 to 5 grades at GCSE including Mathematics and English.

What will I Study?

AS Content Overview

Unit content: 01

Philosophy of religion

Learners will study:

- ancient philosophical influences
- the nature of the soul, mind and body
- arguments about the existence or non-existence of God
- the nature and impact of religious experience
- the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil

Unit content: 02

Religion and ethics

Learners will study:

- normative ethical theories
- the application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance

Unit content:03

Developments in religious thought

Learners will study:

- 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

How will I be taught?

Through interactive teaching, discussion and practical activity.

How will I be assessed?

Exams 100 % No coursework

AS/ A Level

Both units are assessed by an external examination
Candidates must take 1 separate exam for each unit for 1 hour 15 minutes for AS and 2 hours for A Level.

All the questions set for this unit require extended writing.

The total number of marks allocated for each question is 60 marks for AS and 120 marks for A Level

What equipment or materials will I need?

It will be necessary to purchase textbooks for both years

Course Offer Conditions

Rooks Heath expects to run courses that are offered.

However, courses that do not recruit to a satisfactory level may be offered at another centre or withdrawn.