

## Why study A level Philosophy?

A Level Philosophy is an introduction to philosophical thinking - it literally means the study of wisdom! You will consider big questions, such as: "What is knowledge?" and "What do good, bad, right and wrong really mean?". Students at A Level will also explore further questions including: "Is the concept of God incoherent?" and "What is mind?".

People enjoy philosophy and do well at it from all sorts of backgrounds and mental approaches: arts, maths, humanities and the sciences. You may love precision; you may love the opening up of your mind to see in a different way; you may love constructive arguing; you may love refusing to accept things just because someone tells you/ on authority/ just because others do. Any of these can be your entry point into philosophy.

## What will I study?

Philosophy has three main aspects: metaphysics - the study of what exists; moral philosophy - the study of ethics; epistemology - the study of knowledge.

You will study 4 major topics:

1. Epistemology
2. Moral philosophy
3. Metaphysics of God
4. Metaphysics of mind

## Assessment

100% examined.

**Paper 1:** Written exam of 3 hours covering epistemology and moral philosophy.

**Paper 2:** Written exam of 3 hours covering metaphysics of God and metaphysics of mind.

## Study trips, visits and events

Guest speakers are invited into school, and there is the opportunity for trips to events such as literary festivals where writers of philosophy are presenting on issues and debates.

## Subject entry requirements

6 in religious studies if taken, or 6 in English Literature if not taken.